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## Stars seek stripes as

### 83 NSL

### starts



Peter Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos lead Olympic to the field — and to victory — last Sunday.



J Nyskohus — Adcity



Dunne — Brisbane City



Niven — Bris. Lions



Cole — Canberra



Lujic — Footscray



Tansey — Heidelberg

Experienced veterans and exciting youngsters, big-name stars and budding talents will begin to mix it for the national title on the weekend.

This will be the first time, since 1977, that the national championships are conducted without the benevolent presence of Philips, placing extra financial strain on the clubs.

More than ever, efficient club management will be needed to pull most clubs through what looms like a critical season.

Chances are that before the year is over — maybe as soon as June or July — the NSL is restructured and split into geographical zones. • See full National Cup details on pages 5-6-7.



Butler — Leichhardt



Degney — Marconi



Senkalski — Newcastle



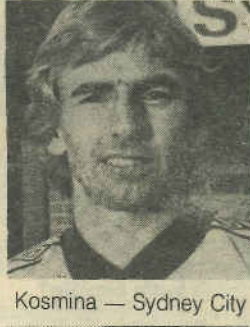
P Wilson — Olympic



R Wilson — Preston



Marton — St George



Kosmina — Sydney City



Blair — Sth Melb.



McGregor — W Adelaide



Cotton — Wollongong.

### YZENDOORN IS KEEN ON SYDNEY

Former Socceroo defender John Yzendoorn is certain to leave Heidelberg — and resume playing in Sydney.

He is negotiating with Sydney City but other clubs have also shown interest.

Yzendoorn says Heidelberg would let him go for a "reasonable" fee and his own terms are also fair.

### STOP PRESS

The draw for the second round of the National League Cup has been announced.

Second round matches will be played on Easter Monday, April 4. The draw, with home teams mentioned first, is: West Adelaide v Heidelberg; South Melbourne v Canberra; Marconi v Brisbane City; Sydney Olympic v Newcastle.

As he is allowed by Heidelberg to negotiate his own transfer, clubs can contact him on (03) 527 1840.

### Young 'Roos play on Wedn.

On Wednesday, March 9, the Australian World Youth Cup team will play a trial game against the Northern NSW senior side.

The match will start at 7pm at the Cessnock Sportsground.

The game is staged as part of the Hunter Valley Wine Festival.

—Myles Hay

## Germany for '86 World Cup?

West Germany could be staging the 1986 World Cup.

The highly influential Hermann Neuberger, head of the World Cup Organising Committee since 1973 — and a German himself — said last week that his country would be happy to stage the event.

"If Brazil, Mexico, Canada and the USA can't do it or won't be accepted by FIFA, West Germany would be happy to take over," he said.

"We are one of the very few countries in the world who could prepare at short notice."



Rummenigge — playing next World Cup at home?



# Confidentially...

Nice to see the smiling face of ex-Socceroo Jimmy Rooney having a drink with the Australian officials in the Travelodge bar after Australia lost to New Zealand in Melbourne.

Jimmy always looks up his old national team mates when Australia play in Melbourne.

He's still going around with Croydon in the Victorian State League.

Roger Musgrove, the Socceroo gear steward, shrugs off taunts that his beloved Sydney City haven't looked so good in pre-season matches.

"When did Sydney City ever play well at this time of the year?" asked Roger.

"Australia has got plenty of talented players."

Who said that? Allan Jones, coach of New Zealand — and he said it a few minutes after his Kiwis humbled the Socceroos in Melbourne.

Jones added: "But goals are the name of the game and that's why we're laughing."

Only one soccer ground will be used for England's three matches in Australia in June.

The games are scheduled for Sydney Cricket Ground, Lang Park Brisbane, a Rugby League ground, and Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Berti Mariani is still with Marconi, but should be joining a new club soon — probably Leichhardt.

Mariani doesn't seem to fit in with coach Doug Collins' plans.

A valuable utility player, able to play up front or in defence.

Former Croatia and Marconi coach Dom Kapetanovic has returned home to Yugoslavia.

He expects to be coaching a team in Zagreb — his home town.

He will be soon followed by Marconi sweeper Ivo Prskalo, due to return to Mostar, Yugoslavia, next month.

Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook and wife Sue are awaiting another happy event.

They already have a son and are hoping for a daughter.

Croatia have a handy player back in the fold after a contract dispute.

Big Ben Rogucic is in full training, and the hefty defender is a stone lighter than last season.

No one is saying anything at Adelaide City, but there is a feeling this could be Charlie Villani's year as a scorer.

Always a talented ball-player, he was plagued last year by injury, but so far this Ampol Cup series he has looked the part, and his two goals in his first full game would seem to indicate the magic touch is back with a vengeance.

Playing as a winger he scored from there, then set himself up in front of goal for another.

The transfer market in Australia is practically dead.

That's what Sydney Olympic believe. They've had regular first-teamers like Andy Scott, Mick Coady, Derek Laing and Kenny Wilson on offer for a long time ... but nobody's buying.

At 3.05 p.m. ABC radio in Melbourne announced: "The soccer international between Australia and New Zealand has just kicked off and the score is 0-0."

In fact the match, played last Sunday week, did not kick off until 5pm.

## Help but no cash

Contrary to the report in last week's ASW, Adamstown Rosebuds will not underwrite existing Newcastle KB United debts, but will offer a range of revenue-saving facilities.

Adamstown Rosebuds club Secretary-Manager Pat Clarke has been co-opted as secretary to KB, while other administrative assistance will be provided by Adamstown.

Training facilities will be provided at No 3 Adamstown Oval where the flood-lighting is vastly superior to that at the main Adamstown ground.

In return, the licensed club expects Newcastle KB United Supporters' Club functions to be held at Adamstown together with after-match gatherings.

# Where should Tom McCulloch play?

By David Jack

Midfield or sweeper? Where is the true position for Tom McCulloch, Australia's national Youth team captain?

The player himself is not unduly worried. So long as he is getting regular soccer and performing well for Marconi and Australia, Tom McCulloch would be happy to fill any position on the field.

But unless he specialises, the boy might fall between two stools. He fills a completely different role for his club to the duties he undertakes with the national team.

McCulloch returned from San Jose recently where he played with great distinction for Australia against the Youth teams of Costa Rica and Israel ... as a sweeper or libero.

Yet a few days after his return, the youngster played in the final of the Ampol Cup for Marconi ... as a forceful midfielder.

One man who has no doubts at all about McCulloch's correct position in his Marconi coach Doug Collins.

### Wasted

"Tommy McCulloch is a born midfielder player. That's the position I filled during my playing career in England and I think I know what's re-



Tommy McCulloch,

quired in the midfield," said Collins.

"It's not my job to tell national coach Les Scheinflug where he should be playing McCulloch — maybe Scheinflug is blessed with too much midfield talent.

"But I am certain McCulloch would be wasted as a sweeper.

"He has the great ability of being able to bring the

and senior level ball through into the penalty box — and score goals as well.

"You can be sure this boy will be used as a midfielder by Marconi all through 1983," said Collins.

It is the sort of persuasive argument which might have a bearing on Les Scheinflug's national team planning — at both Youth

I know Scheinflug is well aware of McCulloch's midfield prowess. But the player has done everything asked of him in the libero job in the Youth squad and that's where Scheinflug will continue to use him.

It is possible, however, that Australia's disappointing defeat at the hands of New Zealand at Melbourne's Olympic Park may induce a change of mind by the national coach.

In discussions immediately after the game, it was repeatedly suggested that Australia's biggest headache was in the midfield. Where could Australia find another Jimmy Rooney, Jimmy Mackay or Ray Richards?

Against the Kiwis, George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne and Peter Katholos hardly looked the answer.

Ideally, Australia could hand a midfield role to McCulloch for the June matches here against England but, of course, that will not be possible; young Tom will surely be in Mexico at that time to represent Australia in the World Youth Championships.

It seems we must wait awhile before settling the questions about sweeper-cum-midfielder Tom McCulloch.

## "Shipment" of refs to cost NSL clubs

By Tom Anderson

National Soccer League clubs will be discouraged from using interstate referees during the coming season.

Any club requesting an interstate referee to control their fixture will have to foot the bill for all travelling expenses and costs.

The club will also have to make a request to the NSL for an interstate referee many weeks in advance.

This was disclosed by NSL general manager Steve Kamasz in Sydney at the weekend.

Mr Kamasz made it very clear that the NSL will not undertake any financial obligations to "ship" referees from interstate to control games at the special request of a club.

This will be a critical season for the men in black in Australian soccer.

Last year's World Cup final series in Spain proved without a shadow of a doubt there is a world wide slump in the standard of refereeing.

And, taking into consideration some of the refereeing displays in the PSL last season, the slump has not missed Australia.

Without doubt, soccer referees are the men the fans love to hate.

But, a great deal of the abuse that is brought upon them is by their own hand and, in my opinion, by the men who control the referees.

Consistency is the key ingredient in good refereeing and, until we can get a consistent interpretation on the rulings, there will always be trouble.

It is to be hoped that the consistency factor is brought into bearing on the Australian scene this season.

The NSL refereeing list for 1983 is: NSW: Boskovic, Davies, Rampley, Rennie, Lorenc, Power, Small, Owens and Wilkinson. N/NSW: Reeves, Davies, ACT: Mee, Davies. QUEENSLAND: Nicholson, Kibbler, Monteverde, Nugent. TASMANIA: Johnston. WEST AUSTRALIA: Harwood. SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Campbell, Rossis, Browning, Martell. VICTORIA: Mellings, Bambridge, Yelland, Venios, Fearn, Voutsinas.

### Underpaid

The FIFA referees on this list are Tony Boskovic, Peter Rampley, Jack Johnston, Barry Harwood, Don Campbell, Stewart Mellings and Chris Bambridge.

Referees in the NSL are paid \$100 per game and \$40 for running the line.

No doubt the referees consider they are vastly underpaid and the fans, and at times club officials are of the opinion that the men in the middle are highly overpaid!

For a number of years now Tony Boskovic has

ruled the roost as Australia's undisputed soccer referee.

"Bosko" has had the honour of refereeing at two World Cup finals series — in West Germany in 1974 and last year in Spain.

This indeed is the ultimate honour for the man in the middle.

Now the sun is about to set on the career of "Bosko" and no doubt this will be his last season as an active referee.

It is to be hoped, however, he will carry on in some administrative capacity as his experience must be used to the betterment of refereeing in Australia.

The big question now is who will be Bosko's successor — who is the pretender to the throne?

The names of Peter Rampley, Tim Davies and Don Campbell spring quickly to mind, and indeed they are competent whistlers.

Rampley and Davies have vast experience and both have been around for a long time.

The same can be said for South Australian Don Campbell — a man who commands my highest respect.

But, after due consideration my choice as Bosko's successor rests with Tasmanian policeman Jack Johnston.

Having watched Johnston in action under tremendous pressure in the Joao Havelange Youth series in Mexico I have no hesitation in saying he has what it takes to become a world class referee.

### disadvantage

The Mexican and FIFA officials were so impressed by Johnston's handling of the games in the Havelange series he was given the honour of controlling the Concacaf club final in Mexico.

Also, Johnston's handling of the Australia v New Zealand international in Melbourne was faultless.

Johnston is a fine referee who is consistent in his ruling and a man who uses a great deal of common-sense during a game.

He is not a grandstander and believes that the best referees are the ones who are not noticed during a game.

However, Jack Johnston is at a great disadvantage living in Tasmania — especially with the decision of the NSL not to foot the bill for the travel of referees from interstate.

It could mean that the finest referee in Australia will be confined to controlling local games in the Apple Isle.

It's an amazing situation.

The final decision on the selection of referees for the NSL games this season rests with general manager, Steve Kamasz.

Each week a list is forwarded to Kamasz compiled by ASRF President Wal Bates and referees boss, Leo Wilson.

Kamasz has the power to alter this list if he thinks such action is needed.

This season, like every other season, there will be arguments and controversy over the decisions of the men in the middle.

It will be their split — second actions that will no doubt decide the outcome of many important games — rightly or wrongly. I wish 'em all good luck — they'll need it.

## LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I am bitterly disgusted about the time slot of the TV-coverage of Australia and New Zealand soccer match in Melbourne. It seems to me that Australia is the first country in the world trying to attract sleepless pensioners and ladies of the oldest profession to the soccer.

This would be the only explanation for the latest fumble between Channel Seven and the Australian Soccer Federation.

With that sort of planning on the part of ASF and a commercial, penny greedy station, Australian soccer supporters can wait till the end of mankind before Australia is recognised in world soccer.

Channel Seven program manager cannot be too proud of himself thus leaving a couple of hundred thousand kids and youngsters in NSW bitterly disappointed.

It is a pity that his loyalty belongs first to the mighty dollar and secondly only to Australian sport and Australian youngsters.

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PS: Attached five dollars. Would you please deliver copies of ASW to the ASF and program manager of the Channel Seven when this letter is published.



## There's been a change in the score...

Whom can you trust? Even the normally reliable FIFA News is now suspect.

In their latest monthly issue, News publishes details of the Youth tournament in Costa Rica — and gets the first Israel v Australia result wrong, back to front.

But to prove that this is no ordinary typographical error, they also publish the final table showing that we did beat Israel twice...

Either FIFA is right — or all the Australian reporters on the spot got their teams mixed up.

NB: In the first match — as far as we know — Australia LOST 3-1 to Israel. We finished — we think — with 6 pts and Israel with 5...

### FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup — World Youth Championship — Mexico 1983

Results of the Intercontinental Tournament in San José to decide the 16th participant in the Final Competition in Mexico:

#### San José, Costa Rica —

26.1.83	Australia v. Israel	3:1	G. Biguet, France
28.1.83	Israel v. Costa Rica	2:0	L.C. Felix Ferreira, Brazil
30.1.83	Costa Rica v. Australia	1:3	P. D'Elia, Italy
1.2.83	Israel v. Australia	1:2	J.L. Martinez Bazan, Uruguay
3.2.83	Australia v. Costa Rica	3:0	C.A. Esposito, Argentina
6.2.83	Costa Rica v. Israel	0:0	M. van Langenhove, Belgium

Final Classification:	1. Australia	4	4	0	0	11:3	8
	2. Israel	4	1	1	2	4:6	3
	3. Costa Rica	4	0	1	3	1:8	1
		12	5	2	5	16:16	12

Qualified for Mexico '83: AUSTRALIA



Frank Arok



"You helped swell the gate today — 7,576 spectators watched the game and you made it 7,577"

# KORITAR SLAMS OUR ODD WAYS

Former St. George player Lajos Koritar, who returned to Budapest in January, has painted a most unflattering picture of our soccer set-up in a newspaper interview.

In the February 19 issue of the Budapest daily "Nepsport" Koritar blasted just about everything in Australia except our climate.

He started off by saying:

"I'd be telling a lie if I claimed that my trip was successful. It couldn't be: soccer in Australia, as such, is in itself unsuccessful. It simply doesn't interest people, rugby and baseball (probably means cricket...) perch on such an elevated throne that soccer can't even shine their crowns."

"Someone may say that despite all that, I could have succeeded, I shouldn't have abandoned everything and come home. But whoever says this doesn't know the circumstances and doesn't understand that if a player is a guest-worker, he is at the mercy of local forces, connections and interests and has no guarantee that his rights fixed in a contract will be honored."

"As soon as I became suspicious, I immediately asked to be released from my contract. We argued for a

few days and now we're back in Budapest..."

Now the reporter, Karoly T. Lakat adds his "expert comments" here.

"Sydney, Australia...A mere year ago that was the land of his dreams, the city of fables. Today he is searching his memory if he wants to say anything nice about them."

"Still, it all started off well. He was accepted, he played, he became popular (?), many newspaper stories prove his recognition. Later the Yugoslav coach (Yugoslav? Koritar only spoke Hungarian with him, Ed.) began to pick on him. He was asked to play right fullback and sweeper. With him who, all his life, was a striker, maybe occasionally a midfielder."

"But Koritar took it. Just as he never protested against the type of English soccer based on a lot of running, tackling and physical contact. And he still couldn't please his coach. In one match he played so well that the Australian sportswriters made him player of the week...then for the next match he was dropped."

#### HOMESICK

Koritar is quoted again:

"I am not the complaining type (?) but in

the last few months all I could think of was how to get away as fast as possible. The St. George stadium is right next to the airport and when, during training, the planes were zooming over our heads, I always wished I'd been on them on the way home."

"I never really had any major clashes with the officials and yet we were on different wavelengths. They were not even impressed when their own fans — the St. George-Budapest fans — wanted to see a Hungarian player on the pitch."

"When I got injured and found that my leg was broken, I knew then I had to leave them. This is not the type of club which would wait, with patience and understanding, for my recovery. It was then then I asked to be released."

The reporter, clearly based on what Koritar had told him, then continues with his acid observations:

"St. George is a strange club, by European standards. Only the coach is fulltime, all others run the club as a hobby. All the players must buy their own boots, shorts and shirts (???) and carry them from home to training and back again."

"The winning bonus is fairly high—but not enough to make a living from it. The club is financially struggling anyway as its main revenue comes from those few restaurants (?) where hundreds guzzle beer and play the poker machines."

"The competition involves a lot of air travel. The public's soccer appetite is fully satisfied by watching British matches on TV. Only the most obsessed patronise local matches. The Greek, Polish (?) and Italian clubs in Sydney have good following. The Hungarians? They are complacent..."

At the end, Koritar again in direct quotes:

"I don't want to sound too smart but I must say this: soccer players here in Hungary are a thousand times more respected than what they imagine about foreign players to be the case. I know everybody wants to play abroad and that's okay just so long as they make sure that all the promises made to them are fulfilled."

"In the first week I was hugged and patted on the back, too, then I was ignored and nobody even wanted to know who I was..."

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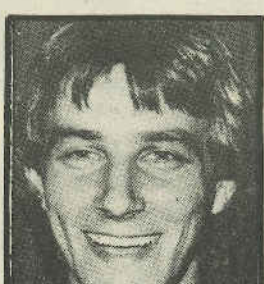
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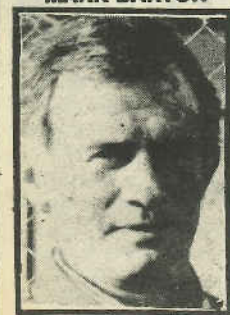
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# Indoor soccer thrives in Lismore

Indoor soccer may not be successful in many major centres but since it was introduced in the far northern NSW city of Lismore it has flourished.

The area boasts several centres where games could be played but the regular competition is based at the Basketball Stadium which would be the envy of any capital city.

It has a huge playing area, more than ample spectator seating and magnificent facilities for the players.

The rules used have had to be adapted slightly to satisfy the playing area but remain consistent with those used elsewhere. Briefly they are:

- Teams are allowed five players on the area at

any one time one, of whom has to be the goalkeeper.

- Each team is allowed three substitutes who can be continuously interchanged with those playing providing that a substitute doesn't take the field until the substituted player leaves. There is no need to wait for a stoppage to make the substitution.

- A sin-bin is used.
- The goalkeeper is allowed out of his goal area but no other player either attacking or defending, is allowed inside the area.

- The goals used are nine feet wide and three feet high.

- The duration of each game is 10 minutes each way and if the scores are level at the end of that time then sudden death extra time is played and the first to score wins the match.

The game was introduced to the city in August 1981 by two members of its refereeing fraternity, Dick Morrissey and Barry Such, during a break in the domestic First Division season.

Despite early scepticism on what appeared to be something that went against tradition, the game has made a dramatic impact.

Lismore has a huge sporting fraternity encompassing almost any sport that you can think of but the numbers of teams playing the game has increased by over 250 percent.

For the first series it was restricted to the seven First Division teams and for the current series, the fourth played, the organisers have decided to limit 24 teams but subsequently received 30 nominations.

The format of the competition is that the teams are divided into groups of an equal number and then play a round robin within that group.

The top teams then play off for the right to hold the trophy until the next series is played.

The organisers have found that it is far better and retains the players' and spectators' interest if the competition is conducted on a short, sharp basis rather than a long drawn out season.

The teams compete for one of the best trophies existing in country soccer today and it is named after one of Lismore's most prominent soccer identities.

Armin Sandman believed that the game would become a permanent part of the Lismore soccer season and donated a huge cup as an added incentive for the players.

Indoor soccer in Lismore is also fast becoming commercially viable for the town's business community. For the current series the organisers refused to accept club names on the nominations with the result that 30 Lismore businesses are now involved in the game.

# Tamworth raiders plan to storm peaks

With just a little over six weeks before the start of the Northern N.S.W. Federation competition, things are beginning to look im-

pressive in the Tamworth City Raiders' camp.

Early in January club directors appointed a new first grade coach in Jim

Hewson, following a more than pleasing response for the position in the ASW last October.

Hewson, a former professional player with the UK club Newcastle United and of late the coach of N.S.W. State League side Inter-Monaro in Canberra, has between these stints had experience in coaching in Christchurch (N.Z.), Perth, Melbourne and Newcastle.

It is in Newcastle where he guided Stewarts & Lloyds to championship level in the 1979 Northern N.S.W. Third Division competition before that club went on to win the inaugural State League the following season.

Since moving to Tamworth to take over the reins as Raiders' coach, Hewson has created considerable interest throughout soccer circles in the northern area.

Everyone is confident that due to his vast experience in coaching he can develop the local players into a strong and winning combination.

In 1980, the club's first grade side finished in fifth position and excelled even further in 1981 when they reached the final, finishing in third place behind Weston and Stewarts & Lloyds.

Last season, with some top players preferring not to rejoin the club and reverting to the local Federation competitions, the club finished at the bottom of the ladder.

Some of these players together with a sprinkling of youth from the successful Under-19 side of 1981, have realised that to fulfil any ambition to further their soccer, they will only be "recognised" if they par-

ticipate in a higher level, such as the Northern N.S.W. First Division.

Therefore, it is pleasing to find such players back in the City ranks.

Club directors have also appointed an assistant coach to Hewson.

Jim Watson is expected to take charge of the reserve grade team when the season gets under way. Watson proved himself a coach and motivator when he led Tamworth Police Boys Club to victory in the 1981 State Amateur Cup.

Tamworth City Raiders recently had a visit from the Under-19 side of Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) club Queens Park Rangers.

Two games were played over the weekend and resulted in comfortable wins for the local side.

The games gave Hewson an indication as to the players' match skills and performances.

It will be no easy task when team selections are made.

For the goalkeeper's spot, for instance, there are no fewer than six competent players competing.

The Northern N.S.W. Federation competition starts over the Easter weekend with Tamworth City Raiders travelling to Gosford to meet Central Coast.

This will be followed by a home game against last season's minor premiers Lake Macquarie.

The following two Sundays will see Raiders away to Highfield Azzurri and then home to Weston.

Tamworth City Raiders (as they are now known) club's chief executives for the 1983 season are Chairman, Murray Core; Secretary, Alf Small and Treasurer, Gemert Beijeman.

## MOULIS STILL OUT

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

Many people are concerned about the future of Danny Moulis in soccer.

The crash-tackling right back of Sydney Olympic was last season's unluckiest player.

At the opening of the 1982 competition against Newcastle KB he received a serious and unusual injury, which caused bad damage to a cruciate ligament in his knee.

Since then he has had two exploratory operations, which have kept him out of soccer.

We asked his coach Tommy Docherty if he can count on Danny's services for this year.

"Danny at present trains alone in Canberra.

"He is young, patient and, with great determination, will make a big comeback.

"His doctor told us last week that he can join our squad in about four months," said The Doc.

This means Olympic's supporters won't see Danny Moulis back in action for at least another five months.



Danny Moulis before his injury.

## Leeton & Young for Amateur ranks?

Hundreds of youngsters play soccer in the Riverina town of Leeton, but the local Association is not affiliated to the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation. The boys play on limited size fields and reputedly there is some very good young talent on show.

Country officials hope to see Leeton link up with the State organisation and give their players the chance to participate in Riverina and State-wide tournaments.

The code could then grow further in nearby Narranderra.

Having Griffith, Leeton and Narranderra in action would lead to further growth in country soccer.

Griffith is bound to move further ahead now the Handwood Soccer Club have secured the experienced Luciano Nesti as their coach.

Nesti is a former Italian professional footballer who has worked wonders at the big National League club Marconi in helping to produce some of the best young players in Australia.

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## Referees drive for extra membership

By Ron Beaumont

(As secretary of the Affiliated Referees (NSW Division) Ron Beaumont, along with his executive, have huge responsibilities in city and country to help the propagation of Soccer. He can be contacted at 494 Blaxland Rd, Eastwood, tel. 85 7371. Here he sets out the tasks that his organisation faces.)

The 'Double A', as we so often refer to ourselves because the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation NSW Division is quite a mouthful, has had yet another very busy year.

Quite apart from the competitions that are familiar to everybody, such as State and Branch-run competitions which are in excess of some 2000 matches, local Association competitions which in themselves amount to many thousands of games each weekend, there is the continued growth of soccer in many other areas which we service.

Included in this other area is the NSWFS, Ladies, Business Houses, Ethnic groups, Tasman Cup, local schools — Primary and High — 2SM Cup and many more.

With an almost zero growth rate and in some areas a decline in growth, our task is not easy in meeting the needs of soccer in this State.

I must therefore take this opportunity to appeal to you, the soccer people in this State, to get behind your referees and assist them in their drive for more referees.

Our main source of supply is from within the club and it is you that have direct access to this supply, so please place us towards the top of your planning and not, as more often in the case, at the bottom.

The Executive of the 'Double A' are very aware of the varying standards of referees and are continually working with our Examination Board in an endeavour to ensure that our standards continue to improve to meet the increasing demands of the game.

1983 sees the introduction of country area Examination Board members, who will operate within the various Branch areas as members of our State Examination Board, giving us closer ties with our country members in relation to examinations and regradings.

We introduced a similar thing with appointments for Branch competitions in country areas with the appointment of a person whom the various Branch Competition Secretaries could contact to ensure, where possible, coverage of these matches.

While, like all new things, it had teething problems, it is hoped that it will continue to be of value to soccer in the country.

While the majority of our membership and the soccer is within the metropolitan area, we are nevertheless very aware of the needs of members in very small numbers and quite isolated areas and for that reason we have been taking some of our meetings to the country centres.

As referees are generally a minority group in relation to clubs, it is important for them to have a sense of belonging, someone they can go to with their problems and as a Division we are trying hard to offer this service.

There is one very sour note that I must raise and seek your maximum support.

There is an ever increasing number of assaults on referees and this just cannot be tolerated.

All our members are instructed to take legal action against anybody that places a hand upon them, and if we are ever going to increase our numbers this type of action, be it physical or even verbal, cannot be accepted by anybody.

It not only affects our referees but also the population of the code which you all so enthusiastically support.

The A.A.S.R.F. NSW Division looks forward to continued co-operation with the NSWASF and wishes it every success in the coming season.



# SCOREBOARD

## OLYMPIC v ST. GEORGE 3-0

**OLYMPIC:** Wilson, Rogers (Karaspyros 80m.), Raskopoulos, Herbert-Jennings, Dakos, Kousas, Patikas, Soper, Katholos, Phillips.  
**ST. GEORGE:** Greedy, Skeen, J. O'Shea, M. O'Shea, Barton, R. O'Shea, Stone, Koczka, Muskovits, Wilkinson, Marton (Colagiori 69m.).  
**GOALS:** Soper (48m), Patikas (50m. & 79m.).  
**REFEREE:** K. Small.  
**CROWD:** 3465.

## MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY 3-2

**MARCONI:** Maher, De-gney, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Carbone, Sermanni, Brown, Jankovics, Djordjevic (Hunter 73m.).  
**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, Gomez, Bruce, Murray, Watson, Barnes, Reader (Lee 62m.), Kosmina, Mitchell.  
**GOALS:** Jankovics (27 m.), Carbone (28 m.), Brown (34 m.), Mitchell (78 m.), Barnes (84 m.).  
**REFEREE:** R. Lorenc.  
**CROWD:** 2,000.

## NEWCASTLE v LEICHHARDT 2-0

**NEWCASTLE:** Gosling, Maier, Burke, Watson, H. Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Jones, Buckley (Drysdale 75m.), Mountford, Lowe.  
**LEICHHARDT:** Woodhouse, Carter, Bot-talico, Brown, De Ceglie, Bradley (Morsello 72), Scharmann, P Tredin-nick, Valeri, Giampaolo.  
**GOALS:** Mason (36), Lowe (73).  
**REFEREE:** J. Reeves.  
**CROWD:** 1600.

## CANBERRA v WOLLONGONG 2-1

**CANBERRA:** Hoszows-ki, Young, (Stone 73m.), T Byrne, Murray, Bryant, G Byrne, Christopoulos, Cole, Gibson, Redmond, MacLaren.  
**WOLLONGONG:** Pre-ston, Willis, Pollard, Vlietstra, Dunleavy, Fleming, MacBreen, Ainsworth, Gaffney, O'Connor, Cotton.  
**GOALS:** Redmond (5m.), Gibson (34m.), Cotton (43m.).  
**REFEREE:** Bob Mee.  
**CROWD:** 1193.

## HEIDELBERG v FOOTSCRAY 3-2

**HEIDELBERG:** Oliver, McKie, Tansey, Spanos, Don Macleod, Valentine, Selimidis, Toro, Ken Taylor, Yankos, Vincent (Lea 43 min.).  
**FOOTSCRAY:** Boland, Stojcevski (Simic 58 min.), Hazabent, O'Reil-ly, Kondarios, Kyriakou-leas, Ristovski, Carroll, Gus Macleod, Ilioski, Lujic.  
**GOALS:** Kondarios (15m.), Valentine (20m.), Valentine (70m.), Lea (81m.), Gus Macleod (83m.).  
**REFEREE:** E. Venios.  
**CROWD:** 3,000.

## STH. MELBOURNE v PRESTON 4-0

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Laumets, Russell, David-son, Blair, Xanthopou-los, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Brown, Egan, Wooddin.  
**PRESTON:** Wilson, Opasinis, Jones, To-dorovski, Petrovski, Od-zakov, Whittle, Farrell (Lucchesi 46), McMillan, Campbell, Ward.  
**GOALS:** Blair (10m.), Brown (34 & 39m.), Halford (60m.).  
**REFEREE:** J. Fern.  
**CROWD:** 4,000.

## WEST ADELAIDE v ADCITY 1-0

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Crook, McGregor, Amy, Dunn, McGachey, Brennan, Honeyman, Atsalas (Bojczuk 85m.), Heys, Wormley, Hiern.  
**ADELAIDE CITY:** Villani, McNally, B Nyskohus, Shillabeer (Mullen 72m.), Miller, Banfield, Melta, Dods, Carter, Maxwell, J Nyskohus.  
**GOAL:** Wormley (61m.).  
**REFEREE:** J Rossis.  
**CROWD:** 3,265.

## BRISBANE CITY v BRISBANE LIONS 4-2

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart, Tokesi, Liddell, Perry, Wilkinson, Pim-blett, Williamson, Hamil-ton, Hughes, Glockner, Cairney.  
**BRISBANE LIONS:** Marshall, McSkimming, Lee, Maesdalek, Niven, Stewart, Wright, Hogg, Daunt, Kelso, Degeer.  
**GOALS:** Kelso (34m), Kelso (47m), Cairney (60m), Tokesi (73m), Wil-liamson (82m), Glockner (90m).  
**CROWD:** About 1400.  
**REFEREE:** B. Mon-teverde (Q).

Lakis Petropoulos, a top Greek soccer coach, may soon visit Australia.

Petropoulos, 48, has a FIFA certificate, and is regarded as one of the best in his country.

With modern ideas about today's shape of the game, Lakis Petropoulos coached, with enormous success in the past, the famous Olympiakos, the millionaires' club of Panathinaikos and the Greek national team.

Last year he was co-coach with Rumanian Stefan Kovacs at Panathinaikos, but later resigned.

Lakis Petropoulos, with Alketas Panagoulas and

### Lakis for lucky country?

Dan Georgiadis, are the only three Greeks who coached teams in Belgium, in USA and in Argentina.

Former coach of Heilder-berg, Menios Poulakakis, who is now coaching the youth team of Panathinaikos in Athens advised Lakis Petropoulos to come here.

A.S.W., with a phone call, found Lakis Petropoulos in Athens. He said: "Poulakakis and John Kalogeras told me about

Australia's soccer and also about your beautiful coun-try, which I want to see one day.

"Now I have an offer from the Canadian Soccer Federation to take over their national team which is under consideration, but in the meantime I am thinking of Australia too."

We understand that a club from the NSL is ready to give him the job.

Mike Mystakidis

## NSL KICK OFF

# Five chances for '83 crown

By Andrew Dettre

## ALL-TIME PSL TABLE

Under a new name and banner, the seventh national league is launched into orbit this weekend, carrying the bulk of hopes for the future of Australian soccer.

### Buy bulk

The NSL — legal suc-cessor to the PSL — gathers in under its wide umbrella the elite of our soccer talent.

It is from here that our senior and junior national teams must emerge, where our multiple World Cup hopes lie.

Seldom, if ever, did a season open with so many equal favourites.

I'd name five teams who could win the 1983 title — with another one or two who may cause an upset.

My top five are, not necessarily in this order: Sydney City, St George, Sydney Olympic, Marconi and South Melbourne.

All have legitimate claim — and some Achilles heels as well.

**Sydney City, treble champions since 1980, will labour under the enormous handicap of facing a most uncertain future.**

Nobody knows whether the parent club, Hakoah, will be prepared to finance them for one year or longer; the sword of Damocles hangs over their head.

The Slickers have the players to do very well again and a lot will depend on their mental state.

St George, last year's runners-up, appear to be a trifle thin in reserve play-ers; their senior squad is barely enough for the 11 plus one.

Their big plus is man-ager-coach Frank Arok who has performed mir-a-cles before with average talent and could again drag his team to the top, or at least close to it.

### Enigma

Sydney Olympic will re-main the big enigma. With hardly anything to show for their efforts and sacrifices over the years — 1983 is their best chance yet.

Under the astute Tommy Docherty, they have as-ssembled a mighty armada: the addition of Jim Patikas, Ricky Herbert and Marshall Soper make them, on paper at least, one of the strongest outfits.

However, Olympic have a habit of throwing things away, they have never learned the art of winning titles and this augurs against their chances.

Marconi could surprise many critics this year.

They have more almost-mature young talent in their ranks than any other club — and they also have the fully-fit Djordjevic back who, at his best, is Aus-tralia's top winger or at-tacking full-back.

If only Henderson could regain his old dash and confidence, Marconi could go very close to the title.

South Melbourne, of course, is Olympic's alter ego, the poor little rich boys who, like Juventus in Italy, buy only the best, often in bulk — and then, through some mysterious force of internal combus-tion, go bust.

This time they have, in Rale Rasic a tough, ambi-tious taskmaster plus some exciting new faces in Crino, Russell and Murphy. If the NSL title is to leave Sydney, South Melbourne are likely to be at the head of the queue to take over.

Of the other 11 clubs Leichhardt, Brisbane Lions, Preston and West Adelaide could do well.

Heidelberg and Wollon-gong may need time to rebuild, Newcastle, Bris-bane City, Canberra, Adelaide City and Footscray could be struggling near the tail end.

One of the possible stars of 1983, Ian Hunter of Marconi.

Pl. W D L F A Pts

1. Sydney City	164	98	34	32	327	169	230
2. Heidelberg	164	75	44	45	269	213	194
3. Marconi	164	77	36	51	266	204	190
4. South Melbourne	164	64	46	54	227	195	174
5. Adelaide City	164	66	41	57	252	214	173
6. Brisbane Lions	164	53	51	60	190	227	157
7. Brisbane City	164	50	46	68	195	230	146
8. West Adelaide	164	56	33	75	202	233	145
9. Newcastle	138	50	40	48	182	194	140
10. Footscray	164	45	47	72	192	254	137
11. Canberra	164	43	49	72	187	240	135
12. Olympic	138	46	34	58	181	199	126
13. St. George	134	44	35	55	186	223	123
14. Leichhardt	112	43	28	41	144	159	114
15. Wollongong	60	24	15	21	78	85	63
16. Preston	60	21	17	22	84	82	59
17. Western Suburbs	52	20	13	19	79	74	53
18. Blacktown	56	15	12	29	66	102	42
19. Mooroolbark	26	5	5	16	31	61	15

## ALL-TIME PSL PLACINGS

77 78 79 80 81 82

Sydney City	1	2	3	1	1	1
Heidelberg	3	5	2	2	8	4
Marconi	2	4	1	4	14	10
South Melbourne	11	3	14	3	2	6
Adelaide City	4	10	5	5	7	13
Brisbane Lions	9	6	9	7	6	11
Brisbane City	10	14	4	12	3	16
West Adelaide	7	1	7	13	16	9
Newcastle	—	11	6	6	10	12
Footscray	8	12	10	9	13	14
Canberra	13	13	12	10	5	15
Olympic	12	8	13	—	9	8
St. George	6	7	11	14	—	2
Leichhardt	—	—	8	8	4	7
Wollongong	—	—	—	—	11	3
Preston	—	—	—	—	12	5
Western Suburbs	5	9	—	—	—	—
Blacktown	—	—	—	11	15	—
Mooroolbark	14	—	—	—	—	—



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# NSL CUP 1983

## Brown helps to destroy 'his' Preston...

By Con Nikolopoulos

**South Melbourne easily disposed of Preston (4-0), to advance to the second round of the National Cup.**

Ironically, it was star forward Doug Brown, who led South Melbourne to their first win for the season, against his former team.

The aggressive striker scored two goals and figured in almost every move South Melbourne made throughout the day.

Brown was transferred to South Melbourne during the week in a swap with South's diminutive winger,

George Campbell.

It was an action-packed game with South Melbourne dominating all areas of the field.

The home team mounted an onslaught from the opening minutes and had Preston locked up in defence for 90 minutes.

An early goal by Steve Blair shattered Preston's confidence right on the 10th minute. Wooddin pushed the ball forward and fed Egan with a square ball inside the box.

Egan's subsequent cross was turned into the

net by lurking Steve Blair.

From then on the game developed into a monologue. Souths pounded their opponents with everything they had and managed to increase the margin in the 33rd minute.

Egan again pounced on a through ball, beat David Jones on the run and turned the ball inside the area.

Unmarked Brown hit for the first time with a calm shot which found the back of the net.

Three minutes later Brown scored his second goal.

He collected Wilson's pass and lobbed the ball in the net from 40 metres.

Preston's only scoring chance was created in the 55th minute Garry Ward shot against a cluster of defenders within the area.

Souths put the game beyond doubt in the 60th minute.

Well-placed Wooddin touched the ball down for incoming Halford who beat Wilson with a powerful shot from close range.



Mike O'Shea, one of the St George defenders, in action during Sunday's Cup game.

## Westad by the odd goal

By Tom McKain

**Striker Paul Wormley scored his first goal for West Adelaide to launch them into the second round of the National Cup with a 1-0 win over Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium.**

The goal, a header in the 61st minute from a Graham Heys cross on the right-wing, justified coach Alan Vest's faith in the big English forward from Townsville who had failed to score in his three games in the Ampol Cup night series.

Indeed, West just scraped into the Ampol semis last week with a 1-0 win over Croatia who had been reduced to 10 men; it was Adelaide City who kicked off favourites in the National Cup after scoring seven goals in two Ampol Cup matches.

Both sets of players were heroes on Sunday as they attempted to turn on hundred-miles-an-hour performances in the 38 degrees heat - it reached 39 at one point. In the end West deserved to win, if only because they did more to blot out the opposition's danger men than City did at the other end of the park.

West's boss Vest had Robbie Dunn and Brendon Hiern - in his debut match - alternately marking striker Steve Maxwell and fellow front-runner Les Carter.

And in the midfield Steve Atsalas checked Sergio Melta - who did the same to Atsalas.

City's Chris Miller and Paul Shillabeer tried to snuff out Graham Honeyman and Wormley, but Vest's plan of playing two centre-backs plus a sweeper as well as two full-backs paid off without cut-

ting down West's attacking ability.

Surprise in the West lineup was the dropping of new striker Wally Bojczuk, who had been booed by the West fans on the previous Friday night in the Ampol Cup for not living up to his reputation as joint top-scorer for Azzurri in the State league last year.

Bojczuk, sent on in the 85th minute, almost brought off a brilliant goal when he dived to meet a Heys cross only to see the ball hit Willie McNally's left-hand post.

Then Wormley nearly got a second-goal when he rounded McNally then mis-hit the ball which went past the right-hand post.

City coach, Bobby Ferguson, in a last-ditch effort to pull off at least a draw, sent on Socceroo Youth Squad midfielder or striker, Joe Mullen, joint top-scorer with Bojczuk in the State league last year. But the closest he came to scoring after going on in the 85th minute was when he got into the box then hit the ball over Socceroo keeper Martyn Crook's bar.

Despite the heat there was plenty of action for the fans.

Crook saved from Johnny Nyskohus and Charlie Villani and there were crash tackles in both penalty boxes. In the 20th second, Wormley hit the crossbar with a header and later McNally had to slide out to stop an Atsalas shot inside the box.

Referee Jim Rossis played a patient and understanding game, making allowances for the heat, but booked Ian McGregor for a tackle on Johnny Nyskohus, then reversed the proceeding when Nys-

kohus brought down McGregor.

The match marked the return of City's star attraction - England Youth Team defender Neil Banfield who arrived back in Australia from England last Thursday.

However, while he played well as sweeper, he was still trying to adjust to the weather and only once made one of his telling forays into the attack.

## Canberra's better midfield decisive

By Steve Burns

**Cup Tie surprises worked for Canberra Arrows at the weekend when they defeated jinx-club Wollongong Wolves 2-1 in a game that was distinguished by team performances rather than individual brilliance.**

And it was a first round National Soccer Cup game Canberra deserved to win.

Under the floodlights of Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval on a hot, sticky night, Canberra lasted the better, showed greater second half consistency and fitness when pressure really told.

At the final whistle Scottish coaches Willy Wallace and George Murray would have been able to total up many pluses and minuses.

Both were evident in abundance.

Murray could be satisfied with the progress of raw newcomer, Andrew Young, in the backline, the improvement of Jim Murray, the eagerness and

competitiveness of Phil Redmond despite his lack of experience and match fitness - and the solidness of Canberra's second half performance.

Wollongong still has a talented squad and can look forward to overall improvement.

Once more, the sheer magic of Phil O'Connor was evident, but it is magic blunted by age, and the midfield creativity of Jim MacBreen and Larry Gaffney must have encouraged.

Yet after 34 minutes of play Canberra appeared to be cantering to victory.

By then they led 2-0 against a team they've never bettered in ordinary league games.

And they deserved that lead through sheer opportunism.

The match was but five minutes old when the first goal was posted. Ian Gibson, looking fully recovered from injuries, made space on the right flank

By Jock Stephen



Gary Cole

Chilean Juan Toro drove Heidelberg to a narrow 3-2 win against Footscray.

Five minutes after the start Jim Tansey floated the ball just over the bar. Footscray seemed to be at sixes and sevens. Juan Toro had the answer to all Footscray's attacking moves.

However, it was Footscray which broke the ice first. An Ilioski free kick floated right for scorer Kondarios.

The game became competitive, and the two brothers Macleod were no different from the rest of the team. It was difficult to say who won between Don and Gus.

However, a pass from Juan Toro found Micky Val-

entine and the scores were level.

Boland had been the difference between the two sides up to half-time. But level pegging was an indication of the game settling down into a steady rhythm.

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# NSL CUP 1983

## De Luxe Olympic cut Saints to tiny bits

By Andrew Dettre

**Sydney Olympic travelled in de luxe style to the next round of the National League Cup.**

With surgical precision, they carved up a timid and tepid St. George; the 3-0 scoreline at the end actually flattered the Saints.

Considering the oppressive heat, this was a highly entertaining and skilful match.

The first half was fairly even and certainly gave no hint of the slaughter that was to come.

In fact, the Saints could have gone into the lead in the 8th and the 27th minutes when only luck and a Gary Phillips save on the line came to Olympic's rescue.

On the half hour, Soper managed to miss in the goalmouth.

But the second half was a different story; it all be-

longed to a fit, combative and very imaginative Olympic.

And the goals duly arrived...In the 48th minute Soper stabbed at a madly spinning ball inside the box and Olympic were ahead.

There was no fluke, however, about the second. Jim Patikas, this marvellously talented and dynamic midfielder, flashed down the left, cut in and let fly a right-foot scorch which rocketed past the hapless Greedy.

It was all Olympic now; the Saints looked jaded, tired and, sad to say, out-classed.

Patikas exploded once more, streaking through the midfield like the best Paul Breitner or Falcao and slammed home a vicious left foot thunderbolt from some 25 metres.

This was a match the Saints won't forget in a hurry: all their weaknesses and lack of depth were cruelly exposed.

They will have to add to their wafer-thin squad or

accept the distinct possibility of finishing well below the Arok gold-standard.



"Fascinating team — when you expect 'em to win they lose, and when you expect 'em to lose — they do"

## Slickers wake up a bit late

Once again Sydney City reserved themselves for the national league

By Keith Gilmour

**campaign ahead as they slumped to a 3-2 loss to Marconi Leopards at Marconi Stadium.**

Marconi's tally could easily have improved by three goals as twice Atti Carbone and once Ricky Budini were close to scoring.

Just when the crowd were beginning to leave the Slickers woke up largely due to the activities of youngster Grant Lee along the right wing.

Marconi sowed the seeds of possible defeat by going back into their shell early in the second half.

After that David Mitchell and Murray Barnes collected goals and at the end there was the distinct possibility of extra time.

You may think that Sydney City's result points to an ordinary season at least.

Coach Eddie Thomson doesn't think so. "Next week we should have Todd Clarke, Steve O'Connor, Ian Souness, Paul Kay and maybe Kevin Mullen back," he said.

Sydney City's former West Ham youngster, Wayne Reader, started with a spanking good shot in the fourth minute, although his play deteriorated later.

Immediately afterwards Rod Brown set up Carbone, who fired a fierce shot which brought the

best out of Tony Pezzano. Ricky Budini fired one from fully 30 metres and Marconi were well on top.

Mark Jankovics opened Marconi's account in the 27th minute with a remarkable goal.

His screaming header tore past Pezzano following a right-wing centre from John Djordjevic, after Murray Barnes had failed to cut the ball out.

A minute later Carbone scored from right on the goal line at his second stab after Pezzano and Gomez had fouled up their attempted clearances.

Brown scored a class goal. He accelerated through the middle to latch on to a defence-splitting Tony Henderson pass and crashed in a low shot.

The Slickers had the opportunity to get back into the game eight minutes into the second half.

Willie Murray and Mitchell combined beautifully along the left to create the opening for Gomez who drove wide.

Marconi slowed the pace and when Lee came on for Reader, things hotted up for the Slickers.

Carbone missed an easy chance to make it four but the Slickers struck back with a Mitchell drive from Lee's pass.

Barnes suddenly unleashed a splendid left foot drive from 20 metres to bring the score to 3-2.

Afterwards Marconi looked shaky but they held out till the end.

## Two great goals beat Woodhouse

By Myles Hay

If goals carried monetary value each of the two scored by Newcastle KB United against Leichhardt carried the million dollar look.

With former Australian goalkeeper, Greg Woodhouse, in seemingly unbeatable mood for the first half hour it was left to the newly-elected captain, Craig Mason, to open

Newcastle's account in the 36th minute.

It was a silken touch by Joe Senkalski which prised open the opposing defence with a delicate ball through to the menacing David Lowe.

Lowe, with a deceiving hip-waggle sent his opposite number in the wrong direction before the nuggety little attacker squared the ball for Mason to hammer home from 25 metres.

Woodhouse was beaten by the sheer pace of Mason's drive after saving his side from three early goals.

He brilliantly held two fierce headers from defender, Peter Burke, then appeared through a ruck of players to punch clear a danger-laden ball from Ian Buckley.

How the crowd of 1,600 relished the exciting goalmouth incidents of the opening half, particularly around the Leichhardt goal area.

However, Newcastle goalkeeper, Clint Gosling, showed that his period of inactivity had not blunted his effectiveness with a fine save from Austrian newcomer, Johan Scharmann.

Scharmann showed some clever touches though his value was impaired following two heavy collisions with Mason in midfield.

Leichhardt's Peter Tredinnick spent much of his time out on the right in direct opposition to his young brother, Howard, with honours evenly distributed, though the wisdom of fielding this versatile player here rather than on his favourite left side could be questioned.

Newcastle suffered a similar jarring of attack with Buckley anchored to a right midfield berth, reducing his effectiveness as a natural left-footed player.

He was eventually re-



Jimmy Patikas (left) streaking through in Sunday's Cup match against St George.

## Br. City bounce back to life

By Greg Russell

Brisbane City staged a storming second half comeback which augured well for the coming season when it downed Brisbane Lions 4-2 at Perry Park.

The Gladiators, who finished bottom of the National League last season, began the match as hot favourites after winning two local pre-season matches 5-0 and 7-0.

It came as a shock when the Lions team, fresh from a two-day Gold Coast training camp, stormed to a lead after an exciting opening 30 minutes.

Former City striker, Barry Kelso who is at Lions in a swap for Billy Williamson, crashed the ball into his former teammates' net with a good volley off a Calvin Daunt backheader.

The Gladiators didn't take too long to hit back and less than two minutes later, former Leichhardt and Lions player, Allan Hughes, headed the ball into the Lions' net, but referee Bill Monteverde blew for a foul.

De Geer sidefooted towards the City goal but obviously didn't count on the fast reflexes of Wishart who sprawled himself across the ground to block the shot.

The half-time break appeared to have no effect on Lions' unexpected dominance and only two minutes into the new period, Kelso headed a corner back out to the taker, De Geer who knocked a cross to the far post where tiny Danny Wright climbed above the defence to flick a back head to Kelso.

The big man took no chances and blasted the ball into the roof of the net.

City continued to fight and were rewarded 15 minutes later. Hughes caught the Lions' defence unaware when he swapped from the right flank to the left and ran unmarked down the sideline to take a pass and cut it back to Bobby Hamilton. Hamilton neatly flicked it to Joe Cairney and the Scotsman did what he failed to do last year and put the ball into the net.

Soon the writing began to appear on the wall. The superbly fit City team began to dominate with Pimblett, Hamilton and Williamson getting more and more midfield ball as Lions' Steve Hogg and Russell

Stewart began to tire. It also became obvious new signing De Geer, who was having a shocker in his debut game, was little more than a passenger.

Lions coach Simon Kistemaker eventually was forced to replace him with young midfielder Rich Basingwaite which allowed Danny Wright to move into the forward line and out of the attacking midfield role which has not been a successful experiment.

The City equaliser came from a free-kick that resulted from one of the number of fouls that crept into the game in the second half. Referee Bill Monteverde, usually known for his sparing use of cards, handed out four yellows — to Andy Lee, Steve Hogg, Russell Stewart and Frank Liddell.

Pimblett took the free-kick just outside the box and the big City defender Peter Tokesi dived in front of his marker Calvin Daunt to head into the Lions' net.

Stephen Glockner put the result beyond doubt in injury time when he capitalised on good lead-up from Cairney and Hamilton to sidestep past Lions' sweeper Alan Marszalek and slot the ball into the net.



Tony Morsello  
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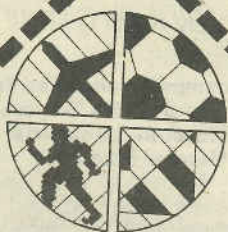
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BLACKTOWN CITY Vs INTER MONARO	Gabbie Stadium
MELITA EAGLES Vs MANLY WARRINGAH	Melita Stadium

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RIVERWOOD Vs SUTHERLAND SHIRE	T.B.A.
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## Les hits the roof

By Keith Gilmour

National coach Les Scheinflug has let fly with a broadside over the lack of cooperation by some National Soccer League coaches.

Scheinflug exploded: "Our schemes for the year were completely agreed by the clubs but certain coaches appear to want to upset the system."

"We take senior and youth players for camps only from Monday to Thursday to cause as little disruption as possible."

"Last season no-one wanted to know the Youth team players."

"Now 10 or 11 of them are in NSL teams. The oldies are out and the clubs are getting players who have extra skills after being well-schooled in our camps."

"When I was the Marconi club coach I won one championship and also lost another because of

players who were often out appearing for their country."

"I didn't squeal then and now I expect all coaches to show similar pride in their country."

Some coaches point out that in no country would club fixtures be upset at all during the season.

Building exciting football with attendant gate receipts is their affair and they must be given room to operate.

One said: "The trouble is that clubs demand instant success. If you don't realise this then you will be quickly out of a job."

Unfortunately club presidents and managements quickly distance themselves from unsuccessful coaches, whether the results are within their control or not.

But the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League have laid out the best planned season in Australian soccer to date, and for better or worse there has to be full co-operation from all sides.



"Your game is far too physical."

## Vest now happy

"After struggling in the Ampol Cup this was the win we wanted, and one which proved that Paul Wormley is going to be a star striker," said West coach Alan Vest after the 1-0 win over City.

And he added that he was not afraid of the away game against Olympic this weekend.

"I know their new striker, Steve Paterson, and he is an excellent player, but I think we have the system and the men to combat anything they can throw at us."

"We did our homework for today's match and we will do the same for the Olympic game."

Adelaide City coach Bobby Ferguson took the Cup defeat with a shrug.

"We know we need at least two more experienced players," he said.

"Naturally I am disappointed but good luck to West... they created more chances than us and succeeded with one."

"We knew the danger would come from Heys and big Wormley in the middle and we couldn't stop them."

"We also had our chances but couldn't take them. It was as simple as that."

Manly's long serving sweeper, Bruce Doyle has fully recovered from an ankle injury sustained three weeks ago. He will be a welcome addition to the side.

Assistant first grade coach, Hugh Hendry has returned to Australia after visiting his gravely ill father in England.

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The controversy over Riverwood's playing quarters has finally been resolved. The club was held back from playing in the Liverpool area because they were not affiliated with any club in this region. To counteract this, Riverwood have amalgamated with Liverpool Warriors, who are in the Southern Districts Association.

Riverwood will now be known as the Liverpool Soccer Club. The Liverpool juniors will still retain their name, Liverpool Warriors. The new home ground for the club is Ernie Smith Reserve.

The club has been hamstrung by the NSW Soccer Federation constitution which limits the movement of any State League club.

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Auburn have been quite busy with trial games. On February 27 the annual clash with Newcastle's Adamstown Rosebuds was played. In a hard game, played under hot conditions, Auburn ran out winners 3-2 after leading 3-0 at the interval. This was a pleasing result for the club after losing last year's clash 3-1.

Last Sunday, the club travelled to Gwandalan to play Central Coast United. This was the first time a senior soccer team had visited the town and it created a great deal of interest. The young Central Coast team can only gain real experience by playing such clubs as Auburn.

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The New South Wales Soccer Federation has called a special general meeting to discuss alterations to clause 96 of the constitution which limits the movement of State League clubs.

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Croatia will be hoping to celebrate their 25th anniversary by winning the Championship once again. The club is on the lookout for a match winning central striker. At this stage of the season, Mark Trenter and Clive Campbell have not reached their usual high levels of physical fitness.

Campbell has been signed up from Blacktown City and, with some extra training should prove a worthwhile buy. Mark Hollaway has resumed training after being out injured for six weeks. Bruno Vidaic is back in the team and is feeling no ill effects of the niggling groin injury that has plagued him.

Alex Kovacic is another back in the side after a nagging groin injury kept him on the sidelines last year. Tom Basic is fit and well. It is hoped he won't have any problems with his cartilage this year.

Young Lee Sterrey will resume his playing

# NSW STATE OF AFFAIRS

By Andrew Paschalidis

career again. In last year's Ampol Cup, Lee suffered a serious cartilage injury which kept him off the field for the whole season. However, his brother Glen has suffered the same injury and looks like being out for half the season.

Croatia Club President, A. Topic feels the hardest opposition will come from Sutherland and Melita.

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Sutherland, a club that has been very successful in all grades over the past few seasons, are looking to go one step further this year and hope to be State champions.

Talented stopper Keith Schumann won't be turning out for the club this season. This vital position has been filled by Peter Terry, ex-St George, after problems with his transfer arrangements had been overcome.

Steve Meades, a previous runner up in the annual Sportswriter awards, has decided to play for the club again. Brett Higgins looks like returning to the club after having played for the Riverwood last season.

John Watkiss, one of Australia's leading coaches, will be handling the first grade team again. Second grade coach Alan Cooper has decided to leave the club. Alan had considerable success after having coached three different sides to championship honours in a three-year period. The gap will be filled by the reliable and competent Alan Edmondson.

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Canterbury Marrickville are displaying confidence in the young talent at the club. While other clubs are buying and selling players, Canterbury are bleeding their young.

This was typified when nine reserve grade players were promoted to first grade during the Ampol Cup. The team put up a gallant effort in losing 3-1 against National League champions, Sydney City.

First grade coach John Xipolitis said: "The club are aiming for the future, that's why we are giving them the opportunity to gain experience."

Michael Emery, ex-St George and Wollongong youth player has been signed up by the club. The experience attained in his two-month stint with Plymouth Argyle should stand him in good stead for the coming season.

Polonia have acquired the coaching services of Ziggy Garlowski. The club are currently negotiating with two players from the Polish first division side, Slask Wroclaw. One of the players in Ziggy's brother Irak, an accomplished defender. The other player, Henry Kowalczyk is a skilful midfielder.

The club have great faith in the young talent available. Five reserve grade players, Guy Pritchard, David Thomas, Richard Lasek, Paul Steltenpool and Scott Dickson have been promoted to first grade. The most interesting aspect is that all the players are under 19 and can only benefit from the experience.

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Port Hacking Cronulla Seagulls, in keeping with their close association with the Sutherland State League side, have transferred promising goalkeeper Paul Dart to the club.

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Avala have appointed Buck Krstich as their new coach. Team manager Jack Carjinic feels that Buck has the potential and ability to handle this important responsibility.

After having played professional soccer in Germany for 10 years, Buck is very familiar with the modern coaching methods being incorporated in the game. He may also perform the dual role of a player as well.

Two new players have been signed up by the Club. Paul Burrows from Blacktown City and Henry Housseini, an Iranian international. These newcomers will add great strength and depth to the club. Neil Williams has resumed training following a serious car accident at the end of last season.

The team has been training and playing trial games during the summer months. This has helped in upgrading the fitness and stamina of the players.

Prospects couldn't look brighter for Avala. The new club premises and playing pitch at Bonnyrigg will be ready at the start of the 1984 season.



Another five minutes later Marconi felt to be in the box seat; Licata's sweet cross from the left after one of his many brilliant runs sailed over the defence

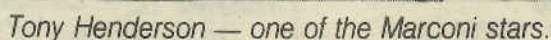
Sloppy kicking or poetic justice — we'll never know: Jankovics slammed his penalty into Greedy and the game stayed alive.

All, including the until then slumbering Wilkinson,

A great pass from the left found him three steps from the goal, facing only Maher — but his careless shot rocketed well over the bar.

All that remained was for Djordjevic to take aim and fire — and the Cup was Marconi's.

**MARCONI:** Mañer.



**REFEREE:** G. Power.  
**CROWD:** 5200.

— Andrew Dettre

After being kept under wraps for Lions previous two pre-season tournament matches new signing

Lions coach Simon Kistemaker could offer no excuses for his star signing after his dismal failure in the NSL Cup match.

"I will see how he goes on Wednesday night before making a decision for this weekend."

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# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OFFICIAL 1983 DRAW



## ROUND 1 — 13.3.83

HEIDELBERG v LEICHHARDT  
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WOLLONGONG v BRISBANE CITY  
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MARCONI v STH MELBOURNE  
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ADELAIDE CITY v CANBERRA

## ROUND 2 — 20.3.83

PRESTON v HEIDELBERG  
LEICHHARDT v ST GEORGE  
NEWCASTLE K.B. v WOLLONGONG  
W ADELAIDE v FOOTSCRAY  
STH MELBOURNE v OLYMPIC  
SYDNEY CITY v MARCONI  
CANBERRA v BRISBANE LIONS  
BRISBANE CITY v ADELAIDE CITY

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HEIDELBERG v W. ADELAIDE  
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STH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG  
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NEWCASTLE K.B. v LEICHHARDT  
OLYMPIC v BRISBANE LIONS  
FOOTSCRAY v CANBERRA  
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CANBERRA v HEIDELBERG  
SYDNEY CITY v ST GEORGE  
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W ADELAIDE v BRISBANE CITY  
PRESTON v NEWCASTLE K.B.  
BRISBANE LIONS v FOOTSCRAY  
MARCONI v OLYMPIC  
LEICHHARDT v ADELAIDE CITY

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HEIDELBERG v BRISBANE LIONS  
ST GEORGE v CANBERRA  
WOLLONGONG v SYDNEY CITY  
BRISBANE CITY v STH MELBOURNE  
NEWCASTLE K.B. v W ADELAIDE  
LEICHHARDT v PRESTON  
FOOTSCRAY v MARCONI  
ADELAIDE CITY v OLYMPIC

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MARCONI v HEIDELBERG  
BRISBANE LIONS v ST GEORGE  
CANBERRA v WOLLONGONG  
SYDNEY CITY v BRISBANE CITY  
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W ADELAIDE v LEICHHARDT  
OLYMPIC v FOOTSCRAY  
PRESTON v ADELAIDE CITY

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FOOTSCRAY v HEIDELBERG  
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W ADELAIDE v ADELAIDE CITY  
STH MELBOURNE v PRESTON

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PRESTON v SYDNEY CITY  
W ADELAIDE v STH MELBOURNE

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SYDNEY CITY v STH MELBOURNE  
MARCONI v LEICHHARDT

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FOOTSCRAY v LEICHHARDT  
OLYMPIC v PRESTON  
MARCONI v W ADELAIDE  
BRISBANE LIONS v STH MELBOURNE  
CANBERRA v SYDNEY CITY

## ROUND 15 — 26.6.83

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FOOTSCRAY v BRISBANE LIONS  
ADELAIDE CITY v LEICHHARDT

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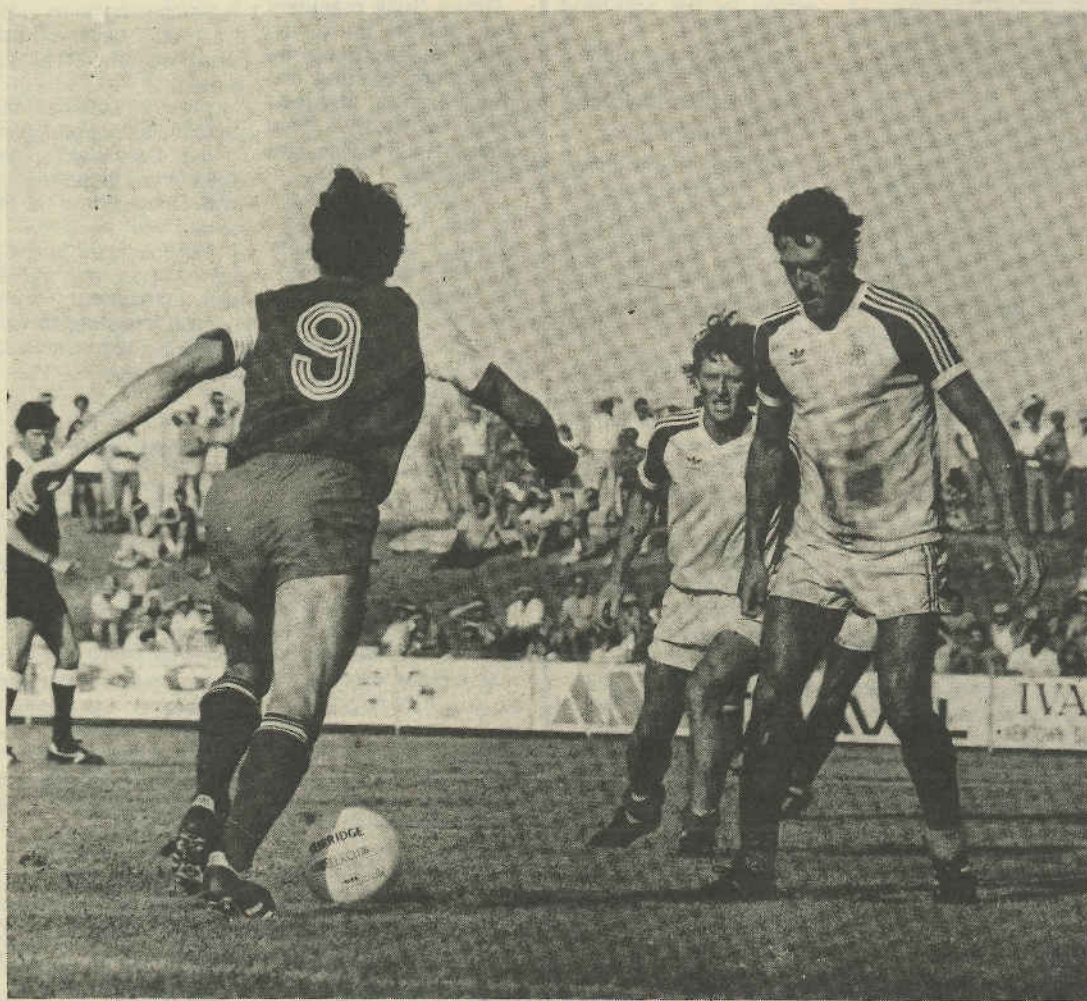
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# National Soccer League



Sydney Olympic striker, Marshall Soper (No 9), attempts to take on Saints' centre-back, Mike O'Shea at the St George Stadium. Mark Barton looks on.

## HEIDELBERG V LEICHHARDT

VENUE: Middle Park  
DATE: Sunday, March 13  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: S. Mellings; Linesmen - M. Momont, G. Blakey

## ST GEORGE V NEWCASTLE

VENUE: St George Stadium  
DATE: Sunday, March 13  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: P. Rampley; Linesmen - A. Pollard, T. Williams

## WOLLONGONG CITY V BRISBANE CITY

VENUE: Ziems Park  
DATE: Sunday, March 13  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: T. Davies; Linesmen - P. Hafey, J. McConnell

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC V WEST ADELAIDE

VENUE: Lambert Park  
DATE: Sunday, March 13  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: A. Boskovic; Linesmen - T. Seacy, M. Loupis



## MARCONI V SOUTH MELBOURNE

VENUE: Marconi Stadium  
DATE: Sunday, March 3  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: D. Rennie; Linesmen - W. Lord, C. Smyth

## BRISBANE LIONS V SYDNEY CITY

VENUE: Richlands Reserve  
DATE: Sunday, March 13  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: A. Kibbler; Linesmen - G. Goodwin, R. Nelson

## ADELAIDE CITY V CANBERRA

VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium  
DATE: Sunday, March 13  
KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm  
REFEREE: D. Campbell; Linesmen - J. Miller, R. Hughes

## FOOTSCRAY V PRESTON

VENUE: Schintler Reserve  
DATE: Sunday March 13  
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm  
REFEREE: C. Bambridge; Linesmen - B. Upjohn, J. Santa-Tsabel



Heidelberg's dynamic midfielder, Jimmy Campbell, shuts-down on South Melbourne's, Johnny Stevenson.



# Youth Cup comes first

By Peter Desira



TONY LABBOZZETTA

The ASF's World Cup committee will meet this week and the possibility of Les Scheinflug shedding one of his duties hasn't

been ruled out entirely. Sam Papasavas, chairman of the National League and prominent member of the World Cup

committee, admits that the dual responsibilities are a problem.

"I agree the two jobs are too big for one person to handle and the ASF ought to consider changing it in future," Papasavas said.

But he still feels that the Youth team's World Youth Championship commitments ought to take priority over the friendlies against England.

"The Youth Cup is more important because our Under 19s will provide the foundation for our next World Cup campaign."

Papasavas was disappointed by the NZ results but like Scheinflug does not believe in pushing panic buttons.

"I don't think the two games were necessary. I don't consider we were ready for international matches when the season hasn't started for us. I still think the national coach has the basis of a good side. The team may not be at its best now but should be in two or three years time."

The rest of the World Cup committee is Peter McCann (Chairman), Ian Brusasco (Qld), Michael Weinstein (Vic), Tony Labbozzetta (NSL), Jim Carapetis (SA), and Karl Rodney (NSW).

## Croydon wins Cup in heatwave

Peter Loughnane, Croydon City's ace sharpshooter, gave his club the lone goal in the last minute of the Buffalo Cup final to win the coveted trophy at Middle Park Stadium, on Sunday.

But it didn't come easy South Melbourne, with a young side who played the better soccer, were unlucky to go down 1-0 in a tense match watched by a crowd of about 2,500 in a temperature of 37 degrees.

Croydon's captain, Steve McCombe, soaked in perspiration, walked off the ground with the Cup after receiving it from Eane Whitton, Buffalo Sports' managing director.

"They made us earn it," he said. "We didn't play as well as we should. They

had us tied up for most of the game."

But it wasn't only the young South Melbourne side coached by former Socceroo Jim Armstrong, Rale Rasic and his assistant Jack Reilly, which almost beat them. It was the heat, too, which played a prominent part in the final.

The crowd were amazed how 22 players could continue to run in the intense heat. Most of the supporters looked for the little shade there was available, apart from the stand, to cool themselves.

South's keeper Perie looks a great prospect at 16. He did well to hold his own against the more mature and experienced Jimmy Rooney, Steve McCombe and Peter Loughnane. He brought off

some brave saves when snatching the ball from feet of the Croydon front runners.

His counterpart, Lou Kastner, also had a great game in goal for Croydon. The former George Cross keeper read the game well, plucking ball after ball from the air, stopping many dangerous ground shots.

Croydon's Hobson came close with a sizzling shot which Perie tipped over the bar. But the man Croydon couldn't beat was Kris Kalafatis, a former first team player, who starred in midfield. He had a great game pushing his teammates ahead whenever the occasion arose.

Loughnane, Croydon's most dangerous forward, took a long free kick lobbing the ball into the goalmouth. McCombe just failed to score with his header.

Mike Rainey, the former Preston star defender, had a superb match stopping everything that came his way. He played some nice balls back to team-mates and then ran into position to clear the danger.

A fine set piece by Rooney and Loughnane almost resulted in a goal in the second half, and although South lost, their young team can feel proud of their display against a much more experienced and stronger side.

The big disappointment about this match — and the National Cup game which followed — was the pest in the stand with a big bass drum.

## Adelaide Ampol

Although beaten 1-0 by West last week Croatia could still join the Hawks in the semi-finals from group A.

The final minor round game in that section tomorrow night involves Polonia and Para Hills.

Both have one point to Croatia's three, and goal difference could be the big decider.

Croatia have a plus-one goal difference while Polonia is next with a minus-one difference to Para's minus-two.

So, with goals so vital it should be an all-out attacking game with Polonia coach, Dave Jenkins, hoping that new Polish import Adam Karpinski will be on-target as striker after a brief debut appearance as a substitute in the 2-1 defeat from West last time out.

Para dropped their bundle against Campbelltown after a shock 1-1 draw with West, and unless striker Jimmy Mitchell and midfielder Geoff Tomlinson along with Steve Amos can get it together to lift their younger teammates it will be a first win for Polonia.

Azzurri made hard work of beating Beograd 2-1 in their final group B match last week.

Indeed, it was Beograd, who finished their program without a point, who scored first.

Full-back Radi Barisic collected a rebound off an Adrian Santrac free kick which goalkeeper David Miller could only parry, and Beograd were one up in the first minute.

And it was not until the 35th that Azzurri got level when Terry Trent nodded in the equaliser.

It took a penalty for the State league champions to clinch the match.

That came in the 88th minute when John Francis netted from the spot after Dragon Kalinovic had been judged to have handled the ball although Beograd claimed the ball played the player.

West had their worst game of the night series even more heart-stopping

than the 1-1 draw with Para, when they scraped in 1-0 against Croatia.

The precious goal came from midfielder Steve Atsalas who got his head to a header from striker Wally Bojczuk who had been aiming for the right-hand corner.

That was in the 13th minute and the fans sat back waiting for the avalanche, but it never came.

Whatever it was things went wrong, for even against 10 men from just before halftime when Paul Blute was sent off, West could make no impression on the fighting Croatia side.

The only bright spot for West was that Baker, in his first team debut, looked the part as a defender.

Again, goalkeeper Gary Sproul kept Croatia in the game and even with 10 men, Steve Caggiano and substitute Ben Rogusic gave the West defenders some harrowing moments in the closing stages.

Azzurri v Beograd 2-1 (1-1)  
Azzurri: Miller, O Michelon, Bachelor, Cole (F Michelon 65), Francis, Toland, Donnelly, Konstantopoulos, Alder, Kamasz, Kent (Manolev 50).

Beograd: Pasquini, Hood, Barisic, Kalinovic, Santrac, Krizman, Welsh, Arezima, Evans, Greaves, Mrkela.

Goals: Barisic (1 min), Kent (35 min), Francis (pen 48 min).

Referee: P Smallman.

Crowd: 2,800 (double header).

West v Croatia 1-0 (1-0)

West: Crook, McGregor, Amy, Dunn (Baker 52), McGachey, Brennan, Honeyman, Atsalas, Heys, Wormley, Bojczuk (Panagis 70).

Croatia: Sproul, Hutchins, Paleka, Maricic, Herd, Caggiano, Lessan, Marwe, Illicic (Rojusic 70), Blute, Rerich (Bartolic 59).

Goals: Atsalas (13 min).

Referee: T Martell.

Crowd: 2,800 (double header).

## Odzakov "too good"

By Peter Desira

The two imports Preston has signed will become stars in the National League according to coach Peter Ollerton.

Of the pair, Vardar Skopje midfielder Zarko Odzakov has already arrived in Australia while Scot Alec Livingstone is due in a week's time.

Ollerton, never one to rave about players, rates Odzakov as a brilliant signing.

"He is a great player, too good for this level of soccer. He is still only 27 so

once settled in two or three weeks' time he will be a big asset for the club."

The midfielder was a fixture in the Vardar side for several years but showed only glimpses of his potential on his debut for the club in the Ampol Cup match against Juventus.

Livingstone, a 19 year old, is a regular at Albion Rovers.

The club has clippings from Scottish papers about the attacking midfielder's goalscoring performances in recent weeks.

## SINGLE SHOTS

By Peter Desira

**Green Gully president Guy Spiteri is fuming about an approach by Heidelberg offering two players in a straight swap for Gully's twin strikers Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal.**

"It's incredible they have the guts to make such a ridiculous offer only a day after we beat them 5-0 in the Ampol Cup final," Spiteri said.

The Gully president said Heidelberg was the sixth NSL club showing interest in Gully players and a seventh - Canberra - was added to the list through the week.

"But I want to make it perfectly clear not one of our players is for sale."

"We don't want to wreck our team. There will be plenty of time for our players to play in the National League when we get invited to join next year," he said.

Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos confirmed the approach to Gully and said that the two players he offered in exchange were John Yzen-doorn and Jamie Paton.

### Family problems

The addition of new players in midfield at Sunshine-George Cross might mean the axe will fall on coach Tony Vella's own son Tony jr, who played in all but one of Georgie's State League matches last year.

"As soon as young Tony puts on the club's shirt he is a member of the squad and gets considered as such, not as my son," says the coach.

"He'll wear it only if he is good enough and that is the only issue."

"I believe in young Tony's ability and I think the pressure will do him good."

"Tony has got a good basic coaching but has three more years to go through the mill and really become a good player. He will be 22 then and nobody can tell me he'll be too old at that age."

### Norm to Bayside

Veteran defender Norm Maitland has been training with Frankston City and seems certain to join the club before the start of the League campaign.

Maitland was a fixture for eight years at George Cross before transferring to Northcote City in June last year.

Northcote paid 1250 dollars for his signature but agreed to a free release clause at the termination of his six month contract.

Preston's player-coach Peter Ollerton didn't consider himself for Ampol Cup matches but will resume playing in the National League.

"I've played in four or five friendlies and I'm still very much in the running for a first team spot," Ollerton said.

"I could even play striker

in the opening game - I feel I can do a better job than what we've got at the present."

"George McMillan has an injury and is struggling in form, Gary Ward started well but has faded slightly, and Doug Brown is the same."

"But mainly I'll be playing most of my games away from home."

"Nine times out of 10, I will be the 12th man in the travelling party."

### Plummer's job

Morwell Falcons have regained the services of Joe Plummer, 26, a defensive midfielder who is back in Australia after three years in England.

Plummer played for Prahran Slavia in the State League then transferred to Morwell in 1978.

He is a migrant and will not occupy any of the temporary visa spots.

### Old, sick, dear

It looks like John Gardiner's playing days have been brought to an abrupt halt by a VSF Tribunal ruling.

Melbourne Croatia has decided to use Gardiner solely as a coach and will not pay the 5000 dollar fee stipulated by the Tribunal for his transfer from Green Gully.

"It would be stupid to pay that sort of money for someone who is 35 years old and has a crook leg," president Joe Sigur said.

Gully had been expected to give Gardiner the coaching job after Bobby McLachlan's departure in the close season but Croatia made the first approach and lured the veteran back to the club for the third time in seven years.

Gully asked for the maximum fee stipulated in Gardiner's contract but he had originally managed to get the fee reduced to 3500 dollars arguing that he has a bad ankle and that at 35 he is unlikely to play regularly.

Gully appealed against the decision and the upshot was a return to the original 5000 dollar fee.

Gully president Guy Spiteri was naturally "quite pleased" by the Appeal Tribunal's ruling.

"You cannot set a transfer fee on the basis that he might or might not play. You've got to go on the fact that we paid good money to buy John at 33 and we've never at any stage broken any clauses in his contract."

"John's last competitive game was as captain of the Victorian side against Cosmos so he is more than worth the 5000 dollars to any side with aspirations of winning the championship."

Gardiner captained Gully to two State League championships in his two year stint at the club.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S DOCKERTY CUP DRAW

**First main round of Victoria's Dockerty Cup to be played next Sunday (March 13), first game at 1 pm:**  
Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine — Western Suburbs v Ringwood United; George Cross v Footscray.

**Green Gully's ground — Melbourne Croatia v Broadmeadows City; Green Gully v South Oakleigh.**  
Waverley City's Ground — Albion Rovers v Springvale City; Juventus v Melbourne.

**Doveton's ground — Morwell Falcons v Sunbury United; Doveton v Thomastown.**

**Frankston Pines ground — Box Hill v Moreland; Frankston Pines v Rosanna.**

**Northcote City's Ground — Fawkner v Hawthorn; Northcote v Brighton.**

**Jubilee Park, Ringwood — Croydon City v St. Albans; Ringwood City v Richmond.**

**Raleigh Reserve, Maribyrnong — D City v Richmond.**

**Raleigh Reserve, Maribyrnong — South Melbourne v Altona City; Maribyrnong v Preston.**



## Metro Round-Up

By Peter Desira

It has taken a long time for Dave O'Connor to rekindle his interest for the game after being dumped by Morwell Falcons at the end of a successful first season in State League in which the club made the top four.

But the adrenalin is flowing again now that he has settled into his new position as coach of Geelong club Bell Park.

"I wanted a rest at the end of last year and wasn't too keen to take the Bell Park job. But now that things are rolling I'm really looking forward to the season and believe it could be quite a year for us," O'Connor said.

The coach has convinced three Morwell players - Nigel Daniels, John Bond and David Perkin - to join him at Bell Park and is negotiating for unsettled George Cross utility Billy Wilkinson to fill the sweeper role.

"It's hard to get the club to spend money but you've got to be pushy otherwise the club will never get anywhere."

He believes that with the experienced players, the club's crop of good upcoming youngsters will really be able to flourish.

"Our aim is the championship of course, but I'm not promising anything. Let's just say I'm pleased with the actions of the past week and looking forward to a good start."

Perkin and Bond were signed in a joint deal worth 4000 dollars.

Perkin scored 11 goals in 46 State League games for Green Gully but was restricted to eight matches at Morwell last year through injury.

Bond arrived in Australia as a migrant and made 14 league appearances for Falcons. He was at one stage on the books of Bristol City in UK.

The pair will play in Bell Park's forward line alongside O'Connor who intends to fill a winger's role.

Nigel Daniels will be used in a central midfield position if negotiations for Wilkinson are successful.

Daniels was the first signing having moved across for 500 dollars - the fee stipulated as a maximum in his contract.

### Ferntree building

After several years of coaching at State League level Freddie Bunce is enjoying the challenge of rebuilding Ferntree Gully from the ashes.

"The club was relegated four years in a row but we've managed to stabilise now and finished fifth in the fourth division in my first season there, with practically the same players."

"I don't miss the State League scene at all and get a lot of satisfaction with the job I'm doing now."

"Our aim this year is promotion but we need a good striker who can put the ball away in the net. I've got two good forwards who put themselves about in the area but haven't yet got a nose for goals."

"We've got some money to spend and are really desperate to find someone

to fit the bill but it's very hard to convince players to come down a division or two."

The real test of a good coach is developing talent according to Moreland's Duncan McKay.

"A good coach can coach anybody," he said.

"It's these National League and State League coaches which have got the easy jobs - it's great when you get the chance to buy good players rather than develop them."

McKay has returned to Moreland this year and is working on a good bunch of youngsters because he has "not got much option".

"The money average players are asking to join the club is unbelievable so I'd rather make just the one good buy than get three or four ordinary players."

"We've lost the experience of Tony Hamill to Altona, and Peter Constantinou has gone to Northcote since I was here last."

"But we've still got some very good young players. Young Garci Paola is still only 20 and will become a star in a short time. Ian Tennant will hold his own in any State League side's midfield, and we've got a 16 year old Darren Pace who has a touch of class on the wing."

## Ray of hope for Sunshine

By Peter Desira

Sunshine-George Cross is two players short of becoming a team strong enough to challenge for honors according to coach Tony Vella.

Vella, the man charged with the big task of picking the best out of the Sunshine and Georgie squads since the two clubs merged in the close season, is not happy with the players at his disposal.

"I believe in the saying 'give me a good midfield and I'll build you a team'," said Vella.

"Last year we were very weak in that department and had no one to support the front runners. We patched it up as best we could and earned a respectable placing."

"But the new club wants bigger things this year and that's where we have to strengthen if we are going to get anywhere."

The club's first signing Gerry Bennett from South Melbourne, has played in midfield but Vella does not intend to use him there.

"Gerry will be a big asset for the club and it's an added bonus that he is a versatile player who can also play in midfield. But I prefer to use him at right-back. There will be times where his push and punch will be used in midfield but it wouldn't be fair not to play him in his best position."

Vella has two players in mind for the midfield spots and has already had talks with the pair.

One is Duncan Cummings, who has been looking for a club since being transfer-listed by South

## Quotes of the week

By Peter Desira

Peter Ollerton, on Preston's poor performances in the Ampol Cup: "It didn't bother me if we were out or not out of the semi-finals. I've treated Ampol Cup games as practice matches. And there was no other way to look at them when a week before the start of the competition I only had seven first team players. I experimented with players who might do a job for us and the fact that we weren't beaten means we can only get better. All I'm working for is March 13, the start of the League."

David Smallman, on Green Gully's chances of retaining the State League title: "We'll murder sides this year and I really can't see anyone coming close to us for the championship except perhaps Melbourne Croatia. I'm really looking forward to the two matches against them."

Melbourne.

Vella plans to use him in a midfielder-cum-winger role if Cummings opts on Cross ahead of Northcote and Polonia.

The coach has also had talks with a former Victorian State representative who could fill the midfield general role but the club is keeping quiet about his transfer until the move is finalised.

"If I get the pair it will give me not only strength but also will provide much needed experience for us in the middle of the park."

"With them and providing Roger Bain lives up to his reputation when he comes back from England, I can then challenge sides... not go to ground afraid to concede goals."

The addition of new players in midfield might mean the axe will fall on Tony's own son, Tony Vella jr, who played in all but one of Georgie's State League matches last year.

"As soon as young Tony puts on the club's shirt, he is a member of the squad and gets considered as such, not as my son."

"If he is good enough he'll wear it and that is the issue. He is a good young player but he has got a lot more to learn at this level of soccer."

"I believe in his ability and I think the added competition for places will do him good. Alongside the three experienced players, I can throw in any one of the four youngsters we have vying for positions - Paul Gambin, John Campbell, Steve Scerri, and Tony - without any worry."

# Some changes needed at top

By Fred Villiers

**Shockeroos... When will we act?** It's just not good enough! It's happened so many times before and now it's happening all over again.

Five games against New Zealand in the past four years and we still can't beat them.

The Kiwis, as a soccer nation, were once the laughing stock of Australia. We didn't even bother to accept their invitations to play them because we thought they were a third-rate footballing country.

Not any more. They're now the Kings of Oceania, and don't we know it.

From what I saw in Melbourne, the New Zealanders are more experienced, more powerful and more skilful than anything we have to offer.

But where do we go from here? Ask national coach Les Scheinflug and he'll tell you: "There's no need to panic because we're three years from the next World Cup."

Sure, but aren't these remarks becoming a little monotonous. After all, remember that much travelled play-boy coach, Rudi Gutendorf, telling us the same thing a few years ago. And remember how he encouraged us not to panic right up to our meeting with the Kiwis in Auckland and Sydney?

the wrong man for the job. Surely the position of the people at the top, who run our World Cup committee, must be in doubt. If not, then it ought to be.

Sifting through the debris of that 2-0 Olympic Park defeat by New Zealand last week, Scheinflug should be asking himself: "Have I picked the best man to lead my team?"

For Australia's sake and for the sake of John Kosmina himself, the answer is surely 'No'.



JOHN KOSMINA

### Responsible

It's no good saying Scheinflug must go, he's

## Post-cup shocks rock Heidelberg

By Con Nikolopoulos

A few weeks ago, Australian Soccer Weekly broke the news about the internal crisis threatening the very existence of Heidelberg United.

The time-bomb exploded immediately after their thrashing by Green Gully in the final of the Ampol Cup.

Members of the club rallied, after the game, against Gouloupoulos' administration and by Monday night they had collected enough signatures to force the convention of an extraordinary General Meeting.

In an ultimatum delivered to the Committee, members demanded the immediate sacking of four players, in their opinion responsible for the humiliation of the team in the Cup final.

The players named are, goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, right full back Arthur McMillan, centre-half John Yzen-doom and forward Jamie Patton.

Coach Ken Morton has

also been accused of using wrong tactics against Gully, indirectly contributing to their heavy defeat.

In addition, members demanded that Chilean midfielder Juan Toro Castillo be reinstated in the team and be guaranteed a permanent position in the side.

Under the circumstances, the Committee has placed Jamie Patton and John Yzen-doom on the transfer list, but refused to offer assurances to the members that Toro will become a permanent member of the squad.

Club President Sam Gouloupoulos was shattered by the events.

"I am shattered," he told the Australian Soccer Weekly. "I don't know what to expect from these people."

"Our club has achieved so much with so little, and yet there is people out there willing to destroy everything. They argue, they are concerned about the future of the club, but en-

Why I ask this is because our striker-captain was taken off and replaced by Marshall Soper in this important international. What more could be done to lower the morale of the team than to see the skipper of the side being replaced?

Blond John finds himself captaining our international team at a time when they've never been in greater need of an inspirational leader.

Peter Wilson inspired Australia. So did Schein-

flug at his best in his playing days. But I saw little from Kosmina to inspire anybody against the New Zealanders. Not that he was to blame for the defeat, as Scheinflug rightly said: "We just couldn't put the ball in the net."

There were reasons for optimism in Australia's performance. There would have been more had we shown the courage to use a defender as the Kiwis used Ricky Herbert. And if only we had a keeper like Barry Pickering we may have saved the game.

But the burning question, the mystery of Kosmina, remains.

Perhaps the burden of captaincy is curbing his spirit of adventure. Perhaps the people at the top who control our World Cup destiny are blind to what's going on.

But the truth is it's later than we think. We will have 20 months left and that's not long enough for the mammoth job we have in front of us.

We hear the ASF are looking for another assistant for Scheinflug. I would have thought Les would have seen how McKendry went about destroying Heidelberg United the top dog in Victoria's Ampol Cup final. It was a 5-0 slaughter. That's the kind of action we want from our Shockeroos.

### Consultation

Perhaps Les could have a word with Victoria's super coach. He may have a few ideas but as for getting his services that's just not on. For one thing his State League club simply won't let him go!

## Benefit game

Len McKendry has prepared a State League select side to beat Rale Rasic's NSL select team at Olympic Park, next Wednesday (March 9), in aid of the bush fire victims of Victoria.

The State League squad is:

Goal: Lou Denys (Green Gully), Shaun Keogh (Doveton).

Backmen: Peter Lewis, Steve Short and Stuart Cannell (Green Gully), Keith Adams (Melbourne Croatia).

Midfield: Jim Williams (Green Gully), Paul Wade (Croydon), John Dowie (Doveton).

Forwards: Carl Gilder (George Cross), Paul Lewis (Green Gully), Dave Brogan and Tommy Cumming (Melbourne Croatia).

Rale Rasic had not named his squad at the time of going to press.

All players and officials will give their services free on the night of the match.

The curtain raiser will be the Ampol Junior Cup final between Ardeer and Box Hill, at 6.45 pm.



# New blossom for Rosebuds

By Myles Hay

A dearth of goals early last season cost Adamstown Rosebuds valuable points and supporters.

Determined to rectify this unhappy situation Adamstown have captured well known goal-getters John J. Turnbull (Weston) and Matt Godsell (Highfield Azzurri).

Turnbull, the scorer of many memorable goals for Weston Bears, could prove one of Adamstown's best signings in years with his happy knack of ghosting through defences.

Keith Anderson will again coach the top grade side, assisted by Bill Pryce, while former Newcastle KB United player Alf Stamp will mould the Under 18 side to take part in the Rosebud Cup series.

Another interesting newcomer could be Reg Chilby, a solid stopper from Fairymeadow, but negotiations are still continuing in a bid to reduce the transfer fee of \$7,500 placed on his head.

Chilby has been transferred in his employment to the Newcastle district and from reports could help stiffen the Rosebuds defence.

Carl Lochrin, a disappointment last season, has trained with much greater purpose already this year and could live up to the

early promise he showed with Azzurri and Edgeworth.

Warren Davies, John Macquarrie and Turnbull have been included in the Northern N.S.W. representative squad being coached by Jim Foley for proposed matches against Newcastle KB United and other possible opposition this season.

Two Adamstown juniors who were selected as the most promising lads in the club at the end of last year earned a trip as guests of the famous Sunderland club in North-Eastern England.

Neil Owens and Ian Chapman have returned full of praise for the wonderful treatment they received and both feel that the strict training procedures endured will help them materially in their promising careers.

Owens will continue with Adamstown this year, but permission has been granted for Chapman to trial with the Newcastle KB United youth side.

Adamstown have another potential goalscorer in 19 year old Kempsey Rangers player Steve Riddell.

Long serving defender John Clinton, who coached the Under 19 side last season, is likely to sign for Belmont-Swansea United, while Ian Johns has joined West Wallsend.

## A.C.T. bars rep. juniors

By Steve Burns

The ACT Soccer Federation has stuck to its policy on no ACT State Representative squads before Under-14 years of age.

The decision has caused great resentment and bitterness.

The depth of feeling was best reflected in the vote when it was put to the test at a recent Executive meeting.

The vote was tied and under the ACTSF rules lapsed.

Great pressure had come from the Junior League to allow them to field Under-12 and Under-13 Representative teams.

Indeed, their delegates were under the impression that the Executive would not object to teams in those age groups.

State coach, Les Bee, however, has been consistent in his arguments — ones espoused by National Coaching Director, Eric Worthington — that before the Under-14 age groups young soccer enthusiasts should enjoy the game rather than be subject to the rigours of Representative competitions.

As one official argued: "There are numerous competitions club teams can enter before the Under-14 limit to test the skills of their bet kids to the limit".

Another aspect, of course, is the cost of Rep-

resentative teams — although in this case it was a minor consideration.

One crucial thing also flowed from the debate — a formal policy paper on ACT Representative team policy by Les Bee for consideration by the Executive.

It was favourably received and if formally adopted would enable Representative soccer very much to flow through the ACT Academy of Soccer between the 14 and 16 year old age groups.

For Under-18 requirements the squad, of course, would be drawn direct from clubs and would complete its preparation in the normal way.

## Arrows have mystery man!

By Steve Burns

Canberra Arrows will be at almost full-strength for their opening 1983 NSL round game against Adelaide City — in Adelaide — this Sunday.

And at least one new face will be present — a mystery face inasmuch as the club kept his signing quite secret.

He is a 22-year-old midfielder or defender from Preston North End, John Walsh, who only recently arrived in Australia.

## BRISB. CITY AFTER XXXX...

By Greg Russell

Brisbane City are firm favorites to win the inaugural XXXX pre-season tournament after convincingly winning their qualifying group.

The Gladiators topped group C with six points from two wins, scoring 12 goals and conceding none. City crushed new Premier League team Taringa 7-0 and downed Australian Croatian Cup winners, Sunnyside 5-0.

Joe Cairney, the Scottish import who could not break into the team last season, gave an indication of things to come by scoring five goals in the two matches. Stephen Glocker and Bobby Hamilton both got two apiece.

By contrast Lions were far from convincing in winning group A. They made hard work of qualifying when they scrapped to a 1-0 win over modest 1982 First Division side Easts. The other team in the group, North Star, got beaten 4-2 by the National

Leaguers, but often looked more dangerous in attack.

Olympic were the first team to qualify for the semi-finals with good wins over Mount Gravatt (3-1) and Acacia Ridge (3-0). It was a complete turnabout for Olympic compared with its form in the Grange Thistle pre-season competition. The Ridge was the real disappointment of Group B. After some brilliant displays last year, particularly in the Ampol Cup, they were expected to offer more resistance.

Group D turned into a real cliff-hanger with all three teams, Ipswich United, Valley Trident and Grange Thistle having a chance to qualify going into the last game. Ipswich eventually went through thanks to a 3-2 win over Thistle.

In the semi-finals, City play Ipswich and Lions play Olympic at Perry Park on Wednesday. The final and play-off for third will be played at Soccer headquarters next Wednesday.

## Azzurri lose Hogan

By Myles Hay

Highfield Azzurri will have to rebuild their side for this season's Northern NSW competition with the loss of four leading players, including mercurial striker Victor Hogan.

Hogan has stepped down two grades to take over as player-coach with South Wallsend and his energetic drive in attack will be missed.

Tall goalscoring winger Matt Godsell has moved to Adamstown, while defender Nick Babic and midfielder Mick Weber will be out of the district.

Attempts are being made to regain the services of talented fullback Wayne Maguire, now teaching in the Central Coast area after a couple of years in Brewarrina in Northern NSW.

Azzurri officials claim that Maguire is still a retained player with their club, though he has appeared in two trial matches with the Central Coast side.

Long serving players Neville Power and Peter Fairleigh will again share the coaching duties and in light of the departures from the side will welcome the return of versatile Duilio Rufo, Ian Dunne and Mark Vallone.

Vallone suffered a badly broken leg last year and has trained solidly and could be challenging for a first team spot together with promising juniors Dale Robinson, Chris Maher, Mick Godsell and Bernie Ryan.

## Three stake high claim

By Tom McKain

Three South Australian youngsters will have strong claims put forward for their inclusion in the Soccerroo Youth squad for Mexico in June.

The man pushing for at least a trial for the trio is SA State Coaching Director Mike Wells, who is Soccerroo coach Les Scheinflug's SA arm.

Adelaide City's Steve Maxwell and Paul Shillabeer and Azzurri's David Miller have been starring in the Ampol Cup night series.

Maxwell, signed from State League club Birkalla, is a 17-year-old powerfully built striker, while Shillabeer, who made his National League debut last year, can play full back or in the midfield.

Goalkeeper Miller has already been in one Youth squad camp, and at the moment his performances have been highlights of the night competition.

Scheinflug has already asked about midfielder or striker Joe Mullen, now with City, and he, too, could be in line for Mexico.

However, Mullen has made only one appearance so far in the Ampol series following an ankle injury — it kept him out of the Costa Rica trip which saw the Youth side qualify for Mexico — then a throat virus sidelined him.

He made a token appearance the other week as a late substitute when Shillabeer was injured.

However, coach Bobby Ferguson is expected to field him for the full game against Campbelltown tomorrow night in the final minor round of the Ampol series.

# Inter-club swap causes rumpus

By Greg Russell

The pre-season move of striker Billy Williamson from Lions to Brisbane City could cause more problems than either of the two Queensland National League clubs ever imagined.

Williamson went to City two weeks ago in a loan-swap deal with Barry Kelso, but officials from both clubs are eagerly seeking a ruling from the Australian

Soccer Federation to determine which club is now recognised as having Williamson as a visa player.

Whatever the decision, both clubs could be forced to juggle their playing staff to avoid breaking the ASF imposed three visa player maximum.

Neither City nor Lions have exceeded that limit yet, but it appears each thought the other would be accredited with Williamson's visa, and, on that basis, went ahead and negotiated another overseas signing.

City are awaiting the arrival of a Yugoslav striker while Lions are fairly certain of signing a Scottish first division player.

Unless certain aspects can be resolved the deals will have to be stopped or someone will have to go.

If Williamson is still regarded as a Lions player he joins Mark Atmore and new Dutch signing Boudewijn De Geer as one of the club's three visa players. The two in the City team at the moment are Frank Liddell and Joe Cairney.

Lions have Atmore on the transfer list, at his request, and have put a negotiable \$5000 fee on him. Obviously if things don't work out and the club desperately wants to sign their new Scotsman, Atmore's fee could be slashed.

Should Williamson be declared a City player, the Gladiators' solution is not so clearcut. Transferring Liddell or Cairney is not even being considered, so the answer would rest with Williamson and the Yugoslav.

Williamson's visa expires in June, so unless he gets an extension or applies for permanent residency, City may not be interested in continuing the loan for only three months. But, as the Scotsman seems to be fitting in well at Spencer Park, and is good friends with coach Jim Hermiston, City officials have taken the problem to the Queensland Soccer Federation in an attempt to find an alternative and acceptable solution.

Whatever the solution, both coaches are eager to get things finalised. It is now getting too late in the year to be uncertain about which players are available for the season and those that aren't. Considering the form of the two Brisbane teams in recent seasons, neither can afford to initiate any more problems.



BILLY WILLIAMSON

## CAMPBELLTOWN FOR SEMI FINAL

By Tom McKain

Campbelltown will make a last-ditch stand to qualify for the Ampol Cup semi-finals when it takes on NSL club, Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium tomorrow night.

Adelaide City has four points in Group B while Campbelltown has two — the same as Azzurri, who beat Beograd last Friday.

Although City kick off as favorites, they are no certainties to win.

After a 4-0 drubbing from Azzurri in the opening round, Eric Norman took over as Campbelltown coach.

The former City (then Juventus), and State star got an immediate response from his players, and two points, when they beat Polonia.

Campbelltown have nothing to lose and they have the players to cause an upset.

Winger Dave Edwards, already on City's shopping list, striker Nino Matricciani and fellow forward David Mahony are all deadly near the box or in it, while Dave Halliday and Gordon Haig are powerhouse midfielders.

Campbelltown look awesome at the back, with six foot-plus men in Marcel Barendregt, Mal Richardson, Les Matiscsak and Richard Parsons.

If keeper Lou Pivetta has one of his nights, City will find it hard to find the back of his net.

However, only a Campbelltown fanatic would put money on his team.

City's Les Carter and Steve Maxwell are buzzing in front of goal and Charlie Villani is again magic on the ball.

Now that England Youth team sweeper Neil Banfield is back from England the defence looks tighter than ever with Willie McNally just as freakish in goal as Pivetta.

Still, the ball is round as they say, and if there is going to be an upset this could be it.



# News from Illawarra

By Phil Murphy

**Illawarra soccer officials have been forced to shelve plans to introduce a "sin bin" system in games this season.**

Association secretary Harry Brown said the plan was part of a campaign to clamp down on judiciary problems.

He said last season there were more than 700 cautions handed out and send-offs topped the century.

"For our size that must be comparatively the worst record of any Association in the world," Brown said.

"Something has to be done and we wanted to give the 'sin bin' a chance."

He said it would mean a referee had the power to send a player to the sideline for 10 minutes when he was cautioned.

The problem is the referees can't become involved even though most of them favor the scheme.

They have asked their ruling body to allow them to be part of the plan but have not received a reply.

"There is still a slim chance they might get the go ahead but the premiership is getting close now," Brown said.

"It would appear we may have to wait until next season to get it off the ground."

The association coffers were boosted by around \$2000 last season with each player sent off being fined \$20.

This system will continue this year.

## Comeback

If any player in Illawarra deserves success it is Fairy Meadow's Derek Johnston.

He is back training hard after suffering two broken legs and being forced to sit out last season as a spectator.

Johnston had a spell with St George before signing with Fairy Meadow and is a very industrious midfielder.

Other news from Fairy Meadow is that another midfielder, Alan Devenney, is to go into hospital for a knee operation.

The talented player, who was in the national youth training squad two years ago, has been plagued by a knee problem for some time.

## Knock-out

The Corrimal Leagues Club knockout is again in full swing with the final to be played at Memorial Park on March 20.

Leagues Club president Jack Bartlett will again be invited to kick-off before the final.

It will be a task he has performed for 21 years this year.

A popular figure among all sporting people in the Corrimal area, Bartlett has always had a soft spot for soccer.

The leagues club is the major sponsor for the Wolves and also provides backing to the five Illawarra clubs in its area.

Bulli have had to scrap their seven-a-side knockout this year because they have lost Woonona Oval and are developing a new ground.

## Alone

It looks like being a case of going it alone this season for Fairy Meadow.

The club has no sponsors, having lost the backing of the strong Fraternity licensed club this year.

Fraternity provided limited backing last season while Fairy Meadow have also been aided by Famous Grouse, but this season looks like being a tough one.

Secretary Walter Chichkan said they are still trying to come up with a backer in what should be another successful season.

"We have a very strong team with plenty of depth and a good coach in Mike Johnson," he said.

"We are hoping someone will see the value in what we are doing, particularly as we seem to be a top chance of promotion of State league."

He said his club isn't asking for the world from a sponsor — they just want some kind of backing so they don't have to survive on gate takings and raffles.

# G.G. AT SOCCER

By Steve Burns

The Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, will be the guest-of-honour for Canberra Arrows' first home game on Saturday, March 19.

"The Governor-General accepted our invitation some days ago and will stay for the whole game," said Arrows' administrator, Karen Grega.

The Governor-General will also make a presentation to the most impressive junior club who took part in a pre-game massed march past.

"We are hoping that a considerable number of junior clubs will take part," Ms Grega said.

"The contact with clubs is being formally organised by the ACT Junior League."

And the Governor-General should be assured of an impressive game.

Two of Canberra's players, Paul Ontong, and Tony Brennan, are ex-Lions' players although it is unlikely Ontong will play while still recovering from a serious knee operation.

# TASSIE NEWS

With the approach of the 1983 pre-season Cup competition in Southern Tasmania, most clubs have been busy with friendly matches.

State League champion of 1982, Rapid-Wrest Point recently defeated newly-promoted University 5-4 in an entertaining match.

Danny Donohue, who has transferred from relegated South Hobart to Rapid, scored a hat-trick for his new club, whilst former New South Welshman, Mick Southworth, scored twice.

University's scorers were Crowther (2), Shearman and McIlwain.

Juventus-Pioneer, whose new president is 32-year-old former Australian youth international, John Genovesi, defeated Hobart City 4-2 in a friendly.

# COACH SHOULD STAY WITH HIS TEAM

By Tom McKain

**Before the "Kiwi Disaster" we were with the lobby pushing for Les Scheinflug to be with his Youth Socceroos in the June World Cup finals in Mexico.**

Now we are having second thoughts.

If he was leaving behind a power-packed winning squad oozing confidence to face England in the three internationals here in June, there would be no harm done.

But these three internationals are not just friendly matches like we had in "the old days," to spread the soccer word and to show the natives how the game should be played.

These games are being used to promote the Socceroos, and to raise cash for their 1986 World Cup campaign.

A half-baked squad with a stand-in coach losing three games on the trot will do nothing for our image — even if the Youth team marches home with their version of the World Cup.

A non-event tour by the England team — even if they do bring a full strength squad — will do nothing to get Project 86 off the ground.

The new marketing arm of the Australian Soccer

Federation has already seen its banner start to look rather limp after the mauling from the New Zealanders.

## Les to stay

While I feel that Scheinflug should be with the Youth squad which has brought us world-wide recognition and glory, it is also sad that the England tour was arranged when it was known he could be in Mexico.

Even if the Youth team wins the World Cup, humiliating defeats at home from England for the senior Socceroos will set soccer back to the paddocks.



Les Scheinflug

While it was excellent that Scheinflug was given the Youth squad, he is surely the senior national coach.

What other country has its national coach with the Youth team when there are senior games to be played?

There should have been a Youth team coach — or the English matches should not have been scheduled to clash with the Mexico finals.

Someone has suggested all will be well because former England manager Ron Greenwood will be here under contract to the ASF and he can help

with the Socceroos.

We doubt if he knows what color the Socceroos wear, never mind the players' names or what position or system they play.

And while criticising the clash of the England series with the World Youth Cup finals, we feel Scheinflug, flush from the triumph in the Merlion Cup in Singapore, may have miscalculated the capabilities of his players by accepting two games against the Kiwis so early in the season.

And before anyone says the Kiwis played in the World Cup in Spain, only five of that squad was in the teams which took on the Socceroos.

Now the ASF and Scheinflug must sit down and decide which comes first — the games against England or the World Youth Cup.

They must remember that the England series is supposed to highlight the Socceroos, and through them the National Soccer League.

While we don't expect the Australians to win, we do expect them to fly the flag for a lot longer than they did against the Kiwis.

And the man to make sure they do it must surely be Les Scheinflug.

# YOUNG ROOS WILL NEED A YAK OR TWO IN LOFTY MEXICO

Australia's team in the June finals of the World Youth Cup will battle not just some tough opponents but also the extreme altitude of Mexico City and Toluca, both more than 2,200 metres above sea level.

For such conditions, a Tibetan Yak would be more suited than a good old 'roo used to the sprawling plains.



Mexico City's Aztec stadium where Australia will play the opening-match in the Youth World Cup.

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# Big tourney for youngsters

Moves to scrap the NSW Champion of Champions tournament in the youngest grades were given short shrift by the annual meeting of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The policy committee had recommended that the under eight and nine grades be dropped.

However, the demands from the floor mean that the competitions will continue to be conducted. That means a full 13 grades from under 8 to all-age.

The under 7s were abandoned in 1976 and is the

only grade not played now. Bankstown Association's Charlie Struck spoke up for the retention of the lower grades.

Treasurer George Churchward said he believed that there is no real pressure on these kiddies — "they are only playing a bit of sport," he said.

Ron Talliani of Southern & Eastern Association said: "Teams of top calibre in these age groups are always looking forward to this high class competition."

Bob Maundrell of Riverina Branch mirrored the general view of the country people that they needed

more under eight and nine competitions rather than to shut them up.

This was clearly supported throughout the country, where top quality soccer is at a premium as they lack the population of centres such as Sydney, Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra.

Six under-11 players from clubs in the Sydney metropolitan area have the chance to tour Europe with the Sydney junior team.

The party is booked to leave Sydney on August 22 and will play in Holland, Hungary and England.

Five days will be spent in each of Holland and Hungary (two matches each) and ten in England, where four matches will be played.

Sydney City Junior Soccer club president Steve Serda told us: "We want to augment the eight players from our club with the six, all of whom must come from different clubs," he said.

Trials begin next Sunday, March 13 at Queens Park at 3pm.

In charge of coaching will be Sydney City's Director of Coaching Roy Thomas.

Club officials who wish to nominate players for the trials and to obtain

## Six have chance to tour Europe

more details should contact Steve Serda or Andrew Kemeny on 698 7988 or 30 5262 respectively during business hours.

On their return the players will revert to their own clubs, just as a Pagewood players did after Sydney City's 1982 Californian tour.

The trip, expertly arranged by Stephens Travel Service, will be a total package at \$1600 per player.

Interested players can help raise their expenses with a raffle, the prize for which is a return trip to Fiji with one week's accommodation provided.

Parents are welcome to go along if they wish.

Serderon Pty Ltd, Steve Serda's company, will donate between \$3,000 and \$5,000 towards tour costs.

Just Sport, the sporting goods retailers, is donating two complete Adidas strips, including tracksuits.

The tour is designed to produce high class football with goodwill and educational aspects also to the fore.

In England the headquarters will be at Westfield House in the Ipswich area.

Trips will take place to leading clubs.

Former England manager Sir Alf Ramsay has undertaken to have a chat to the boys on their soccer.

One of the staff of Stephens Travel will go on ahead in July to check that all arrangements are in place.

The tour gives a rare chance for budding youngsters to have the trip of a lifetime under the very best of conditions.



## State Championship venues allocated

Future NSW State Championship matches will be restricted to grades from under 10 to 16.

It is clear that the older grade players are more interested in top amateur football at club level.

Qualification for the NSW Champion of Champions tournaments in under 17, 18, 21 and all-age is regarded as an honor, whereas getting together for representative play often is not.

Lindsay Cosgrove of Southern NSW received a lot of country support for sticking to younger grades only.

The 1983 championships have been allocated as follows: U10, Southern NSW; U11, Western NSW; U12, Riverina; U13, 14, 15, 16, Sydney.

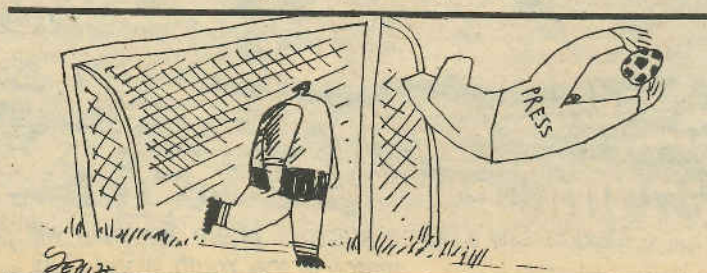
The Under 12 Centenary Cup, which has proved a huge success for interstate as well as NSW teams, will be held in Sydney in the May school holidays.

The venue has been left open so that interested Associations can all apply.

However, it would not surprise if they again went to the Ashley Brown Ovals at Seven Hills.



A young starlet pondering his future.



### Wahroonga wins summer 6-a-side

Wahroonga was the outstanding team in the Kuring-gai summer competition, winning its competition by seven clear points from Kissing Point and Homenetman.

Over the competition they registered 12 wins and two draws.

### KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE



The joy of playing soccer, and trying something new. This shot from coach David Lee shows a fine overhead kick, and the player in training will land on a soft sandy spot.

## Chullora just keep winning

The NSW Youth League has proved a boon for dozens of ambitious young soccer players in NSW.

The competitions are providing a "Super-grade" of soccer week in and week out throughout the winter season.

There has never been anything as good as the Youth League before.

Those players who want to turn out for their local clubs can do so, and indeed there are plenty of very fine competitions, with many grades below them to cater for keen youngsters who cannot aspire to top standards.

It is of particular interest when a team makes its way through from under six division three and joins the Youth League with most of its players intact.

That is the case with Chullora Wolves. They started in Bankstown under six and this year many of the players have joined the junior nursery of Auburn State League club as under 13 players — in the youngest Youth League grade.

Team coach Robert Wozniak, who will be in charge of them at Auburn, sets out the team's record over the years and highlights the competitions they have won.

1976 U/6 Div 3 Team — Keiran Pender, Harry Wozniak, Glen Bonnici, Trevor Fattore, Andrew Krzykalski, Brett Rogers, David Bryce, Hayden Sanson, Paul Verrel, Rodney Macey and Anthony Hyde. The team finished runners up to Yagoona in the Premiership and the Presidents Cup.

1977: This is the first season in first division — the team is based on the 1976 6/3 team. Finished as five points clear

minor premiers the team is defeated 1-0 in both the final and grand final. Also President's Cup runners up. Original players: Keiran Pender, Anthony Hyde, Hayden Sanson, Harry Wozniak, Stuart Coutts, Jason Kannengieser.

1978: In a close competition Chullora finished one point clear of Yagoona and Crest but defeated Crest 5-0 in the final. In the Champion of Champions competition the team defeated Dubbo 3-1 in the first round but was knocked out by the eventual winners Forest Rangers by one corner in the quarter finals. Also Presidents Cup runner up again. Addition to the team Michael Beky.

1979: This is the first year the team was undefeated, without dropping a point they finished eight points clear of the field, winning every game they contested in Bankstown, including semis and finals. This is also the team's first success in the President's Cup final. Once again the team is beaten by Forest Rangers in the quarterfinals of the Champion of Champions by one corner.

1980: This is the second season of being undefeated Bankstown Champions finishing five points clear and defeating Condell Park 6-0 in the semi-final and Crest 6-1 in the final. Also winning the President's Cup for the second year.

In the Champion of Champions competition the team defeated Griffith 5-1, Forest Rangers 2-1, Carlingford 5-0, Prospect 1-0 and the teams only loss of the season was to Springwood in the 1980 U/10 NSW final. Addition to the team Bruce Elysee.

1981: After losing four players from the previous season, this must be the most satisfying year for all concerned with the team. Finishing as equal minor premiers with Crest, defeating each other once during the competition. Chullora then matured as a great team as in 1980 by defeating Rovers 4-0 in the semi final and Crest 3-1 in the final. But the best was

yet to come in the Champion of Champions competition. Chullora completely outplayed all-comers defeating Dubbo 6-0, Carlingford 2-1, Liverpool 3-1 and North Rocks 4-0 in the 1981 U/11 NSW final.

Add to this another success in the President's Cup competition.

1982: Undefeated Minor Premiers — drawing twice, once against Condell Park and once against Crest. Winners of their fourth President's Cup in four years. Then defeating Condell Park 1-0 in the semi-final and Crest 3-1 in the final.

Then playing against some very good teams in a hard run in the Champion of Champions competition, the team recorded the following wins: Albury 4-0, Fairfield 2-1, West Holroyd 1-0, Banksia 1-0 and in the final of the 1982 U/12 NSW Championship defeating a strong Springwood team 1-0. (Springwood had nine Nepean Representative players. Nepean was the 1982 undefeated U/12 Metropolitan Representative Premiers.)

Additions to the team: Peter Skalkos, Terry Kariamis.

1982 undefeated NSW U/12 Champions.

The team built up through the years to its present state in 1982. Grant Bard, Michael Beky, Stuart Coutts (captain), Bruce Elysee, Anthony Hyde, Jason Kannengieser, Terry Kariamis, David McGlynn, Keiran Pender, Hayden Sanson (vice captain), Peter Skalkos, Harry Wozniak, Danny Wright.

Other boys who have played with the team at one stage or another since 1977 are (with number of seasons in parentheses) Glen Bonnici (5), Brett Rogers (1), Paul Martin (2), David Kelly (3), Andrew Krzykalski (3), Brent Vrab (1), Graham McIntee (1), Matthew Foley (3), Troy Pike (2), Roger Miller (2).

Managers and assistants over the years include: Lex Krzykalski, Reg Bonnici, Denis Hyde, Denis Wright, Chris Bard.

Coach since 1976 Robert Wozniak.



# Craig is the example

## Soccer star gains honor



Craig Johnston autographing a photo for a group of young players and coaches in Sydney last season. Johnston did not hold anything back when he took hundreds of players in various clinics in Sydney and Newcastle.

If any young Australian-trained player can be said to play with authority, it is Craig Johnston.

The boy from Newcastle, NSW, this year has been a regular with Liverpool, a team which has every reason to be regarded as the world's best.

Jim Shoulder, coach at the Australian Institute of Sport, says that he is seeing many young Australian players who have the

talent to match that of Johnston.

"The other side of the penny is to have Johnston's discipline and dedication to go places and stay there.

"That is the thing that is hard to achieve, but it can be done by putting the mind to it," Shoulder says.

Many Australian youngsters are missing out on one aspect of soccer that will assist them to go ahead.

Many of the country's

top teams have players who are certainly well worth watching.

Even some of our young stars, many of whom will be playing for Australia in Mexico in June in the World Youth Championships, have qualities that do them proud.

Perhaps what we lack — and many countries lack too — is the extra style that enables players to go past challengers with a shrug of the shoulders or a move-

ment of the hips.

But today the chance to learn is there to the extent that it never has been before.

It is up to the young teenagers to take off and make their mark in Australian soccer.

Soon most, if not all, overseas players who are not genuine migrants will not be admitted to Australian clubs, so young local-born players now have the ball at their feet.

## Premier offers support to soccer

By Jock Stephen

The new West Australian Premier, Brian Burke, wasted no time in claiming that soccer would be supported at the same level which all other sports in West Australia had been accorded in the past.

He recognised that air fares may obstruct the 'Sandgroppers' chances, but he thinks that with Government recognition everything can be achieved for the promotion of soccer in

He would like to see a strong representative club from West Australia admitted to the National League in due course.

the 'Golden West'. He recalls when cricket in his State was sneered at by the Eastern States some twenty years ago, and N.S.W. loaned two players to help the promotion. Just look at the fine performances by West Australia on the cricket field nowadays.

He would be in favour of a Tasmanian club being admitted too. It seems as if Burke is the boy for West Australia, and you and me too. The sneering comments made by former Liberal Premier O'Connor says all that indicates why soccer has had to battle in the past for recognition.

## KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

### MINI-AMPOL CUP

Sunday March 13: Boronia and North St Marys — 9.30 a.m. Nepean v Ku-ring-gai; 10.45 a.m. Bankstown v Western NSW — Bates Drive; 9.30 Sutherland v Blacktown — Balgownie Oval; 10 a.m. Illawarra v Granville — Ernie Smith Reserve; 9.30 a.m. Canterbury v Southern Dists.; Manly and St. George in Group A Gladesville in Group B byes.

## Kate can swing it



Kate Lunney shows her style with the bat. She's tops at soccer, too.

Young Kate Lunney is 10. She wields the willow in under 11 cricket in Sydney's Northern Districts Cricket Association.

In fact she is the only girl playing in the Saturday morning competitions.

But that is not where her sporting prowess ends. Kate started playing soccer at six years of age and from 1979/81 she was the only girl in a team of boys.

The she joined Gladesville Ravens under 12 girls team, because it was in closest suitable team to her North Epping home.

In 1982 she was noted the Player of the Year in her team. She also collected a BP encouragement award.

Kate's brother is also a keen soccer player with the North Epping Rangers.

Her father has to take her to netball as well, and he fits it all in between refereeing in matches in the district.

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# Goals in Italy rare commodities

Nine goals scored is enough to top the list in the Italian first division after 19 rounds.

The unprecedented goal drought has induced the respectable sports daily "Corriere dello Sport" to quiz people about the state of their soccer.

Some views:  
Rossi, the Juventus star "It's increasingly difficult for a striker to survive here. If necessary, three defenders mark and hack the danger man."

Pruzzo, the Roma ace: "Our strikers just don't know how to escape close marking. Even the most feared imported scorers such as the Austrian Schachner are drying up."

Schachner, with Cescena: "In Italy all teams concentrate on one thing only: not to concede a goal. This makes our life pretty miserable."

Boniek, the Polish star with Juventus: "I haven't been able to produce more than perhaps 40 per cent

of my best here. In Italian soccer the trend is towards successful teams with faceless men."

Diaz, Napoli's Argentinian: "If referees watched a bit more closely what goes on inside the penalty boxes, strikers would get more protection."

Former star Riva: "The truth is that we lack great personalities. Most of our teams are more concerned with preventing the opponents from playing rather than themselves creating chances."

## POLAND

Andrzej Szarmach has announced that he won't play for Poland again. He is currently playing in France.

## FRANCE

Ace French club St Etienne must find some \$1,600,000 before June or they face folding up.

## GREECE

The top Greek club Panathinaikos, unhappy with their recent results, may engage their former maestro, Ferenc Puskas, now coaching in Port Said, Egypt, to replace Stefan Kovacs.

## W. GERMANY

Don't imagine for one moment that carrying a sponsor's name or logo is restricted to leading clubs. In the West German State of Bad-Wuerttemberg (around Stuttgart etc.), a total of 1611 amateur and junior clubs play in shirts emblazoned with logos.

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In an effort to improve the country's soccer standard, East Germany will select the 100 most talented youngsters from all age groups, 10 years and up and send them to the numerous sports colleges for a whole season.

## LIBERIA

Liberia's national team was about to go to a Moroccan training camp when the 24 players demanded more money. Samuel Doe, Liberia's president of State, at once ordered that the next best 24 be sent in their place — while the rebels were to be dismissed from their places of employment where they had been holding down sham jobs at high salaries.

## CHILE

Cobreola, the club from the tin mining city of Calama, won the Chilean title for the second time, following their 1980 success.

## SPAIN

Life is tough in the Spanish first division. So far in the first 24 rounds — 216 games — 444 yellow cards have been flashed. Seville's share is an immodest 43 while Bilbao have had eight players expelled.

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Gaspar Rubio, one of the great Spanish players after the first World War, died at the age of 74, in Mexico.

## USSR

According to an instruction issued to new Soviet team manager Valery Lobanovsky, in future national team selections the players' "moral and political attitude" rather than just ability should be the determining factor.

## HUNGARY

After the World Cup Finals, Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly promised a "major clean-out." Meszoly has now announced his team for a friendly game with an Austrian club — and all but three of the players were at the Mundial including the constantly criticised scapegoats Nyilasi, Torocsik and Kiss.

## ITALY

Former AC Milan president Albino Buticchi has made a suicide attempt and had to be rushed to hospital in a critical condition.

Manchester United fans reckon all the troubles in Ireland could be solved if everyone behaved like Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside!

Stapleton is a Dublin Catholic and Whiteside a Belfast Protestant but, together, they form a devastating partnership in the Old Trafford side.

United manager Ron Atkinson says: "What these two have is mutual respect. I suppose you call it chemistry. I'm more interested in how they can hold and trap a football than in what church they attend on Sundays. I know I have two marvellous strikers who are giving me wonderful service."

Whiteside must be really outstanding because several good judges claim he is ready to replace George Best as, perhaps, the finest player ever to leave Ireland.

By the way, Whiteside is still only 17.

## PERU

Yes, it happens elsewhere, too... The Peruvian national championship was recently suspended for a month while administrators and clubs argued whether four or six clubs should take part in the final play-off round. By the time agreement was reached, the fans lost interest and the two semi-finals were watched by 2,000 and 1,500 respectively.

## ARGENTINA

Former Argentinian international midfielder Oscar Trossero has left his French club, Montpellier and returned to Buenos Aires to join River Plate.

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The Argentinian national title was won by Estudiantes de la Plata — the club which, some years ago, gained notoriety with its rough play against European, mainly British, sides.

## BRAZIL

Little Brazilian winger Paulo Isidoro, who drew favourable notices at last year's World Cup, has been signed by Santos with Gremio, for \$500,000.

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Still no successor to Tele Santana... The Brazilian Federation is hesitating between two candidates for the national manager's post: Paulo Cesar Carpegiani and Carlos Alberto Parreira, former assistant to Zagalo and until recently team boss of Kuwait.

Cup glamour is all right but as far as Brighton are concerned survival in the first division is much more important.

Brighton shocked the football world by knocking Liverpool out of the F.A. Cup at Anfield but that doesn't help their League problems.

Caretaker-manager Jimmy Melia insists the battle to avoid relegation is top priority for his side. "Maybe the Cup success will flow through to the League games and help us stay up," said Melia.

Brighton are anchored in bottom spot on the table.

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England manager Bobby Robson defended his decision to make goalkeeper Peter Shilton the national team captain when he said: "I'd rather have an outfield player, but Dino Zoff does all right as Italy's captain. Shilton is a very authoritative and commanding figure, very knowledgeable and a good tactician."

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Bisham Abbey is England's new training centre in preparation for international matches.

It is far removed from the normal four-star hotel luxury enjoyed by England squads but Bisham Abbey is not by any means spartan.

It is used as a permanent base for coaching by the Lawn Tennis Association and many other sports.

England soccer boss Bobby Robson joked: "We have running water and knives and forks here, you know!"

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Gary Megson of Sheffield Wednesday has a special reason for wanting to play in the Cup Final at Wembley this year.

Gary's dad, Don Megson, was captain of Sheffield Wednesday in 1966 when they were beaten 3-2 by Everton in the Final.

(Incidentally, Mike Trebilcock, later to settle in Australia, scored two of Everton's match-winning goals that day.)

In 1966, Gary Megson was only seven but he still remembers the disappointment when his dad's team failed at Wembley.

★ ★ ★



During the Derby County — Manchester United cup-tie, United's Steve Coppel was hit in the face by a missile — probably a coin.

He turned the other cheek literally, pretending nothing had happened.

Coppel commented: "I wouldn't give the thrower the satisfaction of making anything of it. That way you only glorify them — and they like the spotlight."

★ ★ ★

New Manchester City manager John Benson was far from happy after his team lost 1-0 at home to Notts County. "It's down to the players," he fumed. "Never mind them joining another club. If they leave they go on the dole!"

★ ★ ★

Chelsea's Dave Speedie, booked three times in three games, admitted: "I need a kick up the backside. I am losing self-control in the midfield."

QPR skipper Terry Fenwick is another London player who has been cautioned three times in three matches.

Is this a new sort of hat trick?

★ ★ ★

# BRITAIN CALLING

Charlton Athletic are hoping to make money out of a close-season tour of Africa, but it may not be enough to stave off the inevitable sale of Danish star Allan Simonsen.

When Simonsen was transferred to Charlton for close on \$1,000,000, he was expected to add several thousand fans each week to Charlton's poor match attendances.

But the fans didn't oblige. Charlton are losing about \$25,000 every week and it seems they'll have to sell Simonsen to balance the books.

★ ★ ★

Chelsea's former star goalkeeper Peter Bonetti — he played in the 1970 World Cup for England — has been on holiday in London from his Scottish home.

When he called at Stamford Bridge, Bonetti was immediately invited to give the Chelsea goalkeepers special coaching. John Neal, Chelsea's manager, is unhappy about the form of young goalkeeper Steve Francis, who looked a future world-beater a year ago.

★ ★ ★

England's Youth team players, under new manager, Watford's Graham Taylor, have been told to cut out the big-spending.

Taylor complained that the youngsters were charging big expenses for use of taxis, meals on the way to training and so forth.

When the youngsters played in Tel Aviv recently, they had to pay for all phone calls and extra refreshments.

★ ★ ★

Manchester City fans were after chairman Peter Swales' blood after a recent defeat at Maine Road. Swales said philosophically: "I understand their feelings — I would probably do the same myself."

★ ★ ★

Southend United chairman Mark Rubin has threatened to take the team to another part of England. He is annoyed about the small crowds at Southend's home ground Roots Hall. Two successive home games pulled in attendances of 2,262 and 2,277.

★ ★ ★

Frans Thijssen is undecided about his future in England. The Dutch star midfielder ends his contract with Ipswich in May and may face hard bargaining over a new one.

Thijssen said he'd probably stay if Ipswich won the F.A. Cup — but that hope was shattered when neighbours Norwich knocked them out.

★ ★ ★

We told you about Brighton's Mick Robinson landing in hot water after he allegedly butted Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood.

The unusual part of the story was that the match referee did not see the incident and Robinson was reported after it was seen on television.

Now comes the pay off. Robinson has been suspended for a month and fined \$400 for bringing the game into disrepute.

Steve Sherwood needed five stitches in the face.

★ ★ ★

Yugoslavian Vladimir Petrovic was an instant hit when he joined Arsenal before Christmas but he has not maintained his early form.

Arsenal coach Don Howe has ordered the player to "get tough."

Howe, who also coaches the England side, said: "Petrovic thinks he should get the ball under control and play it around — and he expects other players to do likewise."

"Teams that scrap the hardest will win — as Manchester United did against Arsenal in the Milk Cup. Bryan Robson and Remi Moses went around and tackled people. They weren't worried about the ball."

Petrovic said in reply: "I am finding it hard to adjust. I want to play the ball all the time but English people like a faster game."

★ ★ ★

Ken Friar was appointed office boy at Arsenal 33 years ago at 10 shillings a week.

Last week, he was installed as managing director at Highbury. Salary? Undisclosed.

★ ★ ★

Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson described Liverpool's exit from the F.A. Cup as "a boost to Soccer."

★ ★ ★



# Brazil's Gold Cup now in full swing

The great ritual of Brazilian Soccer is in progress.

It is the "Taca de Ouro," — the Gold Cup or national championship play-off series.

Brazil has no National League. The top teams of the various State Leagues take part.

The two top teams there represent Brazil in the South American "Copa de Libertadores," the equivalent of the European Cup.

This year these teams are playing in the Gold Cup:

**GROUP A:** Flamengo, Mote Clube, Paysandu, Rio Negro and Santos. **GROUP B:** Atletico Parana, Campo Grande, Gremio, Joinville and Ponte Preta. **GROUP C:** America (R.N.), Galicia, São Paulo, Sergipe and Sport. **GROUP D:** Corinthians, C.S.A., Fluminense,

Fortaleza and Tiradentes.

**GROUP E:** Bahia, Comercial, Goiás, Mixto and Palmeiras. **GROUP F:** America (R.J.), Atletico M.G., Juventus, Rio Branco and Vila Nova. **GROUP G:** Botafogo, Brasilia, Col-

orado, Ferroviario (S.P.) and Internacional. **GROUP H:** Cruzeiro, Ferroviario (C.E.), Nautico, Treze and Vasco.

The finals will be decided at the end of May.

Clubs from Argentina have been most successful in the Libertadores.

The list of winners and runners up (A = Argentina, U = Uruguay, B = Brazil, P = Paraguay, C = Chile, Col = Colombia).

Based on results since 1967, this is the ranking in the Gold Cup:

	Points	Champions
1. Internacional (Porto Alegre) .....	102	3
2. Palmeiras (São Paulo) .....	90	4
3. Grêmio (Porto Alegre) .....	72	1
4. Corinthians (São Paulo) .....	39	—
5. Atletico/Cruzeiro (Minas Gerais) .....	65	—
6. São Paulo .....	56	7
7. Flamengo .....	50	2
8. Santos (Rio) .....	48	1
9. Botafogo (Rio) .....	44	—
10. Vasco (Rio) .....	42	1
11. Fluminense (Rio) .....	35	1
12. Curitiba .....	27	—
13. Guarani (São Paulo) .....	21	1

Champions	Runners up
Independiente (A) 6	—
Estudiantes (A) 3	1
Peñarol (U) 2	2
Boca Juniors (A) 2	1
Racing (A) 1	—
Nacional (U) 2	3
Cruzeiro (B) 1	1
Olympia (P) 1	—
Flamengo (B) 1	—
River Plate (A) —	2
Cobrelao (CH) —	2
Palmeiras (B) —	1
Colo Colo (CH) —	1
São Paulo (B) —	1
União —	—
Espanhola (CH) —	1
Desportivo —	—
Cal (COL) —	1
Grêmio (B) —	1
Universitario (P) —	1

The countries with most victories:

1. ARGENTINE 12	4
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2. URUGUAY	4	5
3. BRAZIL	2	4
4. CHILE	—	—
5. PARAGUAY	1	—
6. PERU & COL.	—	1/1

## DOCTOR IS NEW BOSS

Carlos Bilardo has taken over as team manager from Cesar Menotti whose future looks likely to be in Europe.

Bilardo has signed a two-year contract with the Argentine Football Association which will be automatically renewed for a further year if Argentina qualify for the 1986 World Cup.

Bilardo, a 44-year-old non-practising medical doctor, coached Estudiantes de la Plata to the Argentine championship this year.

The change in management follows the fall from grace of Menotti, under whom Argentina won the World Cup for the first time in 1978.

But he could guide them only as far as the second round in last year's Finals in Spain.

Menotti is on holiday in the Argentine resort of Mar del Plata and has declined to give reporters any hint of his future plans.

But he said he will travel next month to Europe where he has been linked with Spain's Barcelona who are parting company with West German coach Udo Lattek at the end of the season.

Bilardo, considered a master of the counter-attack, will receive an initial fee of \$4,000 a month to be revised every three months in view of Argentina's soaring inflation.

Bilardo ended his playing career more than 10 years ago ears ago and has since coached Colombia and taken charge of Colombian first division side Deportivo Cali during their climb to second place in the League in 1978.

Shortly after signing with the AFA, Bilardo said he intended to draw up an international calendar for the national team to include at least 10 internationals this year.

Bilardo said he planned to go to Europe shortly for talks with Daniel Passarella, playing for Italy's Fiorentina.

Bilardo said he intended to retain Maradona and Passarella in the national squad and would also include goalkeeper Ubaldo Filoli, veteran of two World Cup tournaments.

He indicated that experienced World Cup defender Alberto Tarantini, new full-back Enzo Trossero and striker Gabriel Calderon figured in his plans.



# Barcelona is No. 1 drawcard

A carefully compiled survey shows that match attendances are falling in most of Europe.

According to a "World Soccer" study, there are only a few exceptions to this trend.

Details of 1982 national averages

Czech .....	5,600: down
Denmark .....	3,433: down
E. G'many .....	11,843: down
England .....	22,468: down
Finland .....	1,700: steady
France .....	10,152: up
Greece .....	8,041: down
Holland .....	9,800: up
Hungary .....	8,700: steady
Italy .....	32,215: up
Norway .....	5,800: down
USSR .....	18,000: down
Spain .....	33,265: up
Sweden .....	5,138: down
Switzerland .....	5,280: up
W. G'many .....	21,070: down

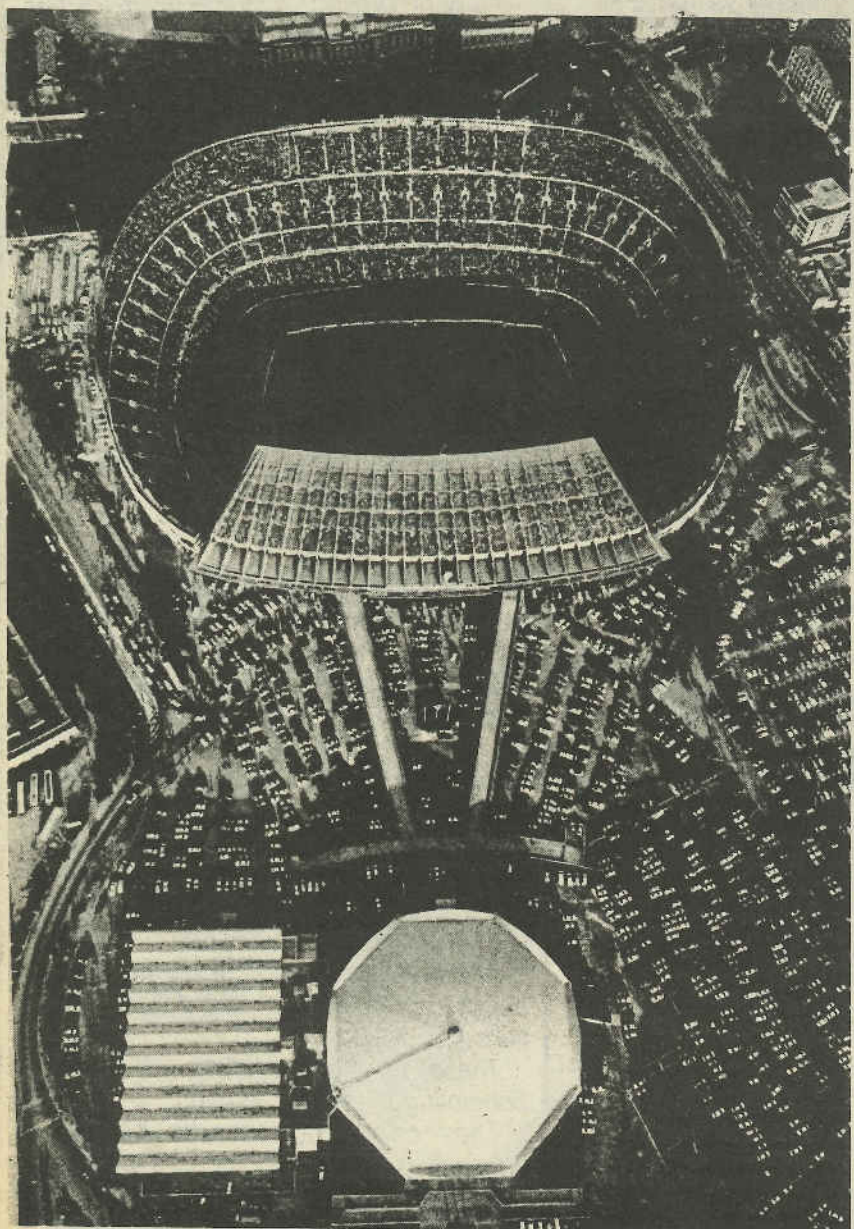
And what about the clubs?

Europe's — indeed, the world's — No. 1 drawcard is Barcelona with an astonishing average of 102,039.

But these are tickets sold, many on a seasonal basis — and not all holders turn up every week.

The top 20:

1. Barcelona, Spain	102,039
2. Real Madrid, Spain	64,001
3. Napoli, Italy .....	58,121
4. AS Roma, Italy ..	48,609
5. Fiorentina, Italy ..	46,798
6. AC Milan, Italy ..	44,578
7. Man. Utd, England	44,570
8. Inter, Italy .....	43,976
9. Atl. Madrid, Spain	41,294
10. Seville, Spain ..	38,470
11. Juventus, Italy ..	37,203
12. Gijon, Spain .....	35,529
13. Tottenham, England	35,099
14. Liverpool, England	35,060
15. Genoa, Italy .....	34,979
16. Hamburg, W. Germany .....	34,266
17. Bayern, W. Germany .....	34,247
18. Man. City, England	34,063
19. Udinese, Italy ..	33,045
20. Tbilisi, USSR ..	32,823



The Barcelona stadium



# Peeved ABC drops soccer

By Steve Burns

The ASF's newly-appointed commercial director, Peter Sheean, has bitterly attacked the ABC for making "extraordinary and totally unacceptable demands of the game" when bidding to get exclusive coverage of Australian Soccer.

"The ABC's demands were totally unreasonable. They would not have made them of any other code," Sheean said.

"Negotiations with the ABC are now at an end." Sheean was replying to



ASF President Sir Arthur George (right with Marketing Director Peter Sheean at a recent reception.



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questions of criticism from people in major regional centres who have the uncertainty of coverage as a result of the ABC dropping out and coverage of international games going to the vast Channel 7 network.

Only at the end of the season — and the very tail end — will Canberra people, of all the regional or rural areas, get their coverage boosted when Special Broadcasting Service 0-28 programs are beamed here from September.

And even then, those with VHF rather than UHF



## Greg back

Ipswich united goalkeeper, Greg Donnelly has returned to the club after trialling with Brisbane Olympic.

Donnelly said he originally left Ipswich because of a contractual dispute and an unhappy season last year when he lost his place to former state No. 1, Ross Kelly.

But, his walkout from the club came hot on the heels of learning Ipswich had signed former top Southside Eagles keeper, John Bennett who had spent 12 months in Great Britain.

"Everyone was saying I left Ipswich because I was scared I would lose my place to John. That's not true and I intend going back and fighting for the No. 1 shirt," Donnelly said.

Ipswich, who are coached by former Lions PSL coach Matt Carson, won last year's State League Grand Final.

## Three camps

The ASF will stage three training camps for the Youth team in their preparations for the World Youth Cup in Mexico.

The dates are:

The first training camp, will be held in Sydney and will include a friendly game against a select Northern NSW team to be played at Cessnock Sportsground on March 9.

The game has been organised as part of the Hunter Valley Wine Festival.

The ASF has received an invitation for the team to visit Indonesia between April 8 and 15 including a game against the Indonesian national team. If the ASF World Cup Committee accepts the invitation the tour will replace the training camp in April.

Should the tour proceed, clubs will be without players on the weekend of April 9-10.

When the players are not in camp, Sydney-based players will attend two training sessions a week.

A similar format will apply to interstate players who will report to coaches in their respective States.

The final squad of 18 will be selected to represent Australia in Mexico in May.

The squad will leave Australia about May 18 and will spend at least two weeks in Mexico acclimatising to the high altitude conditions of the area.

The preparation in Mexico will include two friendly matches yet to be arranged.

Depending on their results, the Youth Team players will be absent from club duty for up to five weeks.

sets will be unable to receive the picture ... unless they pay for their sets to be specially converted or decisions are made politically to enable VHF transmission to go ahead.

In explaining and defending the ASF's arrangements with Channel 7, Sheean said: "Soccer's a joke commercially in Australia."

"It has no credibility."

"What we have done is to contract with one of Australia's top commercial channels, one that often wins ratings wars in Sydney and Melbourne, to take soccer on the basis of major coverage."

"The arrangement is for major internationals, initially eight games a year and possible up to a maximum of 15."

### Exposure

"These will be available through the Seven network in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane."

"The exposure for the game will increase dramatically."

"This arrangement is for four years with the option for a further four years. Channel 7 will be pouring hundreds and thousands of dollars into soccer over this period."

"If the experiment is successful other soccer may be shown — for example the very best of Youth soccer."

Peter Sheean said he believed that the Channel 7 coverage was a magnificent breakthrough.

"I want to stress also that these programs will be made available to regional commercial networks if they want to take them up."

"That will be up to local stations and their decisions will be hard, practical ones based on ratings and whether soccer has an impact in their broadcasting area."

"I have no doubt some channels will take up this service."

But as for the ABC, it appears outside of their extensive coverage of British soccer they will not be taking major Australian internationals.

"Their demands were extraordinary," he said.

"They also wanted exclusive rights to major internationals."

"That's ludicrous. There wouldn't be any without major sponsorship."

"It is that sponsorship that will make major internationals, like the three against England, possible. The ABC is covering many sports this year, like basketball and ice hockey in which there will not be internationals."

"But it is still covering those sports locally."

Those comments echoed the strong criticism of soccer fans outside of the capital cities, the vast majority of whom will not see this international coverage.

Capital 7's (Canberra) program director, Peter Hunniford, said the channel had made its sports arrangements on the basis that the ABC would be taking soccer and giving it major coverage.

"It wasn't until it was too late that we knew otherwise," he said.

### Substantial

But Capital 7's soccer coverage is still substantial for 1983 — if one accepts that other sports get higher ratings.

"Capital 7 will screen the England internationals," Hunniford said. "Additionally we will take highlights of the 0-28 coverage of Canberra Arrows home games for showing on a Sunday morning Sportswatch program."

"These will be 10 to 15 minutes segments and most home matches will be shown."

"On the alternate weeks soccer will also be given coverage on the same program," he said.

"We will also, this year, take the two FA Cup semi-finals. The first will be screened live from a little before midnight on April 16 and the second semi final the following Saturday night, April 23, beginning at 11.30 p.m."

"We will, of course, again take the FA Cup final on May 22. That broadcast begins at 11pm with the film 'The Road to Wembley, 100 years of soccer' and then goes into the final."

Channel 0-28, of course, is hardly relevant to the 1983 season — but its soccer coverage is extensive.

And major world soccer programs will continue year long, programs like 'World Soccer' from 6pm to 7pm each Friday night and International Sports Magazine and the Captain Socceroo segment with Tony Henderson one night a week at 5.30pm.

## FROM THE PRESS BOX

I think it's admirable, at least in theory, that Les Scheinflug wants to give his Socceroos further chances, after their failure against New Zealand.

We criticised Gutendorf long often and long enough for his constant changes; now we blast Scheinflug for doing the opposite.

Everybody I have talked to in these last few days has run off a list of players who, in their opinion, should be discarded, preferably quartered and hanged.

The fact is — we are a bit short of outstanding senior talent at the moment.

Unless Scheinflug wants to tear up his Youth team and promote players like Patikas, McCulloch and Lowe into the senior squad, he will have to search extremely thoroughly to discover major fresh talent.

### ENTERTAINMENT

And yet, and yet ... Despite all this, I agree that changes ARE necessary.

Soccer at professional level is public entertainment — and the public's demand — even if they are wrong — cannot be totally disregarded.

A no-panic-no-change policy by Scheinflug would imply that these are the very best players in the country; none better anywhere, so why search?

And this dogma would be translated by the public into a belief that they are not worth watching in NSL matches.

It's been proved countless times in other countries that dismal failures by national teams caused a loss of interest in the domestic leagues.

And this makes some weird sense; fans are wondering why they should pay to see failures in their clubs.

The least Les Scheinflug could do to avoid such a reflection on the NSL is to speculate, loud and clear, about some new players who may come into his reckoning.

And this isn't so very hard. After all, a Maher, Greedy, Henderson, Bertogna, Selemidis, Raskopoulos, Cole, Villani and many others are in the same category as the players who faced New Zealand.

### STUPIDITY

What must be avoided at all cost is to make the NSL clubs pay, through gate takings, for the two defeats against New Zealand.

No matter how important the World Cup is, no matter how tantalising the World Youth Cup appears — our bread and butter is still the NSL, the weekly marathon.

If, through mistakes or stupidity, we allow the NSL standards and attendances to run down any further, we can kiss goodbye to semi-pro soccer in this country.

And that would also cut deeply into our Socceroo hopes and World Cup aspirations.

These are the points the ASF and Les Scheinflug must bear in mind.

They cannot aristocratically detach themselves from our domestic problems; the national team is nothing more and nothing less than the icing on our cake.

Andrew Dettre

## EURO CUPS Q-FINALS FIRST LEG

### CHAMPIONS' CUP

Widzew Lodz v Liverpool 2-0  
Aston Villa v Juventus 1-2  
Dinamo Kiev v Hamburg 0-3

### CUPWINNERS' CUP

St Germaine v Waterschei 2-0  
Fk Austria v Barcelona 0-0  
Inter Milan v Real Madrid 1-1  
Bayern v Aberdeen 0-0

### UEFA CUP

Bohem Prague v Dundee 1-0  
Kaiserslautern v Craiova 3-2  
AS Roma v Benfica 1-2  
Valencia v Anderlecht 1-2

Second leg matches on March 17.